Collection Development Policy for Nursing

The collection development policy for Nursing guides the development and management of the library’s Nursing materials collection. This policy is for the use of the Nursing subject liaison and the library's users. The policy will be updated as needed. Faculty and students are encouraged to provide recommendations for library materials.

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE COLLECTION

The Nursing Collection supports the educational needs of teaching faculty and students at the college. The primary purpose of the collection is to support the curricula in Nursing, which include Nursing Fundamentals, Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, and Maternal Child Nursing.

The Nursing collection is housed in the Magnolia Library and is incorporated into the circulating, reference, and periodical collections. The collection primarily reflects the interests of the Nursing department in providing thorough introductory coursework in the field of Nursing.

SCOPE OF COVERAGE

1. **Readership level**: Material is bought at the college level

2. **Languages collected (primary and selective) or excluded**: The primary language of the collection is English. Foreign language works, if selected, are purchased in translation

3. **Geographical areas covered by the collections in terms of intellectual content, publication sources, or both, and specific areas excluded, as appropriate**: No area of the world is excluded from consideration; however, the collection focuses primarily on materials that support current course offerings.

4. **Chronological periods covered by the collection in terms of intellectual content, movements or schools, and specific periods excluded, as appropriate**: The collection emphasizes current material, with the primary purpose of supporting coursework and student research.

5. **Chronological periods collected in terms of publication dates**: Current materials are the focus of almost all purchasing.

GENERAL SUBJECT BOUNDARIES

The subject scope of this collection is determined by the Library of Congress classifications:
QM – Human Anatomy
QP – Physiology
QR – Microbiology
R – General Medicine
RT – Nursing

RELATED SUBJECTS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RELATIONSHIPS

The following topics fall within the purview of the following subject selectors:

TYPES OF MATERIALS

Books

Books, periodicals, and reference works, including encyclopedias, biographical and subject-specific dictionaries, handbooks, and almanacs.

Serials/Series

Subscriptions primarily to English-language journals and monthly magazines in Nursing.

Reference Materials

Up-to-date English-language encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, and research guides.

Electronic Resources

Selected specialized indexing, abstracting, full text, and primary resources in Nursing primarily to support the college’s curriculum.

Videos/DVDs

Acquisition is primarily curriculum-based as requested by faculty to support instruction. Some videos of wide interest (such as PBS programs) purchased to enhance the general Nursing collection. Preferred medium is now DVD (if available) over videocassette.

Exclusions

Textbooks, foreign-language dissertations, single or discrete issues of periodicals, vanity press publications, microforms, microfilm, and 16mm or 35mm films.