

**TODD WEHR MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
**Viterbo University**  
**Collection Statement**  
**School of Nursing: Graduate Nursing Programs**

**GENERAL PURPOSE**

The Todd Wehr Memorial Library aims to support the curriculum of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Post-BSN to DNP Degree and the Post-MSN to DNP Degree. The program track choices include the family nurse practitioner (individual and family/life span) or the adult-gerontology nurse practitioner role, both specific to primary care. Where possible, the Library supports faculty research and course development through acquisitions, interlibrary loan services, and electronic accessibility. The Library encourages use of the collection and electronic services through course-related instruction, orientations, reference services, workshops, and one-on-one interviews.

The curriculum is based on the expressed needs for all nursing professionals in advanced roles to have increased knowledge of informatics and health care technologies, quality improvement and safety, organizational and systems leadership, interprofessional collaboration for improving patient/population outcomes, and advocacy, as well as an advanced scientific and humanities-based background for practice.

*Degree Programs*

The curriculum leads to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Degree. Graduates of the family nurse practitioner and adult-gerontology nurse practitioner tracks are eligible to apply for the national certification exams available for these primary care roles (AANPCP, ANCC). The program is accredited by the North Central Commission on Higher Education and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (currently accredited at the MSN level; accreditation at the DNP level will be applied for at the prescribed time).

**SUBJECT AND LANGUAGE MODIFIERS**

*Languages:* Primarily English-language materials are collected.

*Geographical Areas:* Primarily North American and European publications are collected.

*Subjects Collected Include:*

- *informatics and health care technologies*
- *quality improvement*
- *safety, organizational and systems leadership*
- *interprofessional collaboration for improving patient/population outcomes and advocacy*
- *advanced scientific and humanities-based background for practice*

*Chronological Periods:* Contemporary materials are primarily purchased. Historical studies are supported as appropriate by sources on earlier works.

## COLLECTION LEVELS

For most subjects collecting at the CONSPECTUS Level 3: Instructional Support Level is adequate. The DNP program, however, will require CONSPECTUS Level 4 Research Level for resources that promote research into the application of evidence-based, innovative nursing practices. Research methods, evidence-based practice, translation of research into practice, qualitative improvement and outcomes management are all subjects.

Level 0	Out of Scope	The library does not collect in this area.
Level 1	Minimal Level	
Level 2	Basic Information Level	Although the graduate nursing collection has general subject materials kept up-to-date such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, access to appropriate databases, selected editions of important works, historical surveys, bibliographies, handbooks, these items are most frequently purchased as part of the undergraduate nursing program.
Level 3	Instructional Support Level	This level of the collection supports graduate nursing study, including a wide range of monographs of nursing history, current issues, and health-related texts and journals.
Level 4	Research Level	Most graduate nursing materials purchased fall into this level, especially those that are evidence-based, research methods, translation of research into practice, qualitative improvement and outcomes management. Monographs are collected in print and ebook form and journals are primarily electronic.
Level 5	Comprehensive Level	

## DESCRIPTIONS OF MATERIALS COLLECTED

### *Types of Materials Collected*

Books, ebooks, and journals are collected. Journals are purchased in electronic format whenever possible. Videos are purchased by the Graduate Nursing program. Videos owned by any university department may be converted to digital format for streaming in Moodle.

### *Electronic Information and Resources*

Includes interlibrary loan, electronic reserves, document delivery, streamed video, email, and chat reference. Databases appropriate for nursing research and practice include:

- CINAHL with Full Text
- ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health Source
- Cochrane Library for evidence-based nursing
- Medline w/Full-Text for biomedical research and clinical practice
- DynaMed for informed clinical practice

- PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES for motivation, psychiatry, and behavior
- ERIC for education and health promotion for all ages
- Science Direct for science research
- Sage Journals and Academic Search Complete for multidisciplinary research

*Types of Materials Excluded:* Current textbooks but supplementary texts may be collected.

*Interdisciplinary Factors:* This program supports a post-MSN DNP option for current nurse practitioners as well as a post-MSN Ethical Leadership DNP option for advanced specialty practice at the aggregate/systems/organizational level.

### **COLLECTION REVIEW AND RETENTION**

Most material will be retained no longer than five to ten years, regardless of use or condition. Materials of historical significance, however, may be retained indefinitely. The collection will be reviewed periodically by library staff and faculty to ensure appropriate materials are weeded or maintained.