

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health

Suggested Field Tags:

One of the ways that key word searches can be narrowed in databases when running a comprehensive and systematic search is through the use of field tags – most commonly those associated with title, abstract, and key words. The specific field tags that can/should be used differ by database. **In ProQuest NAH, we recommend TI or AB**, which searches the title and abstract. Due to limitations of the ProQuest platform, title and abstract searches cannot be done in a single search string and must be separated into different search lines.

Advanced Search

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TI(search terms)	in	Anywhere
OR		
AB(search terms)	in	Anywhere

Proximity Operators:

Proximity operators in databases allow you to search for one word/phrase within a certain proximity to another word. For example, you could use a proximity operator to find the word *systematic* *within two words of* the word *protocol*. Proximity operators are best used to create relationships or associations between words that cannot be accomplished through phrase searching and other search functions. **In ProQuest NAH, the proximity operator is NEAR/#.**

(search term 1) NEAR/2 (search term 2)	in	Anywhere
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Updating a Search:

When you need to update a search that you have previously performed, best practice is to use database commands that *capture the records entered into the database* after the date of the last search run where such commands are available. Due to a lag between an items publication and its inclusion in the database, entry date is not always the same as publication date, making it a less precise search option that should only be used in cases where the database is not able to distinguish between the two. **In ProQuest NAH, updates can be done using the “Publication date custom or after” feature.**

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	Last 30 days			
	Last 3 months			
	Last 12 months			
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