

## ILLINOIS HEARTLAND Research Guide For Dental Hygiene/Dental Assisting

The Library provides resources to support the Dental Assisting and the Dental Hygiene programs. This guide is meant to help students effectively use those resources.

### Library Website

The **Library HomePage** acts as a menu to library resources and other useful information. It can be found at: <http://www.jalc.edu/lrc/library/>. It includes links to library resources as well as links to library services, to assistance in writing and reference list creation, and to e-mail and chat reference services.

### Books

The **Library Catalog** includes the holdings (books and videos) of John A. Logan College Library and the Media Distribution Center as well as the holdings of other libraries in the Illinois Heartland Library System consortium. It can be reached from the **Find Books and Media** link on the left side of the **Library HomePage**. **Search tips:** Start with a keyword search in either the title or subject keyword box. When you find an interesting book, look at the subject headings in the record. By selecting any one of those subject links, you can refine your search to include all books with that particular subject heading. **Examples of keywords for Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting:**

<b>Dent*</b> (truncation symbol * gets all terms beginning with dent)	
<b>Orthodontics</b>	<b>Teeth</b>
<b>Periodontics</b>	<b>Mouth</b>

Once you have a list of titles, you can limit the results to those items owned by John A. Logan Library by choosing "John A. Logan" from the "Limit by" pulldown menu in the upper right of the screen. You can check on due dates and renew materials from within the catalog by clicking on "my account", logging in using your barcode and pin, and viewing/selecting items within your account.

**Browsing:** You can also browse the shelves at the library. The books in the library are organized by the Library of Congress Classification system, which uses letters and numbers as a code for a subject. This code is referred to as the call number. The following LC class will be helpful to you: **RK - for Dentistry**. Most books about dental assisting and related fields are shelved with call numbers beginning with **RK**. You can browse those shelves for additional books. Dental books are shelved in the reference collection as well as the circulating collection.

## Borrowing from other Libraries

As part of the Illinois Heartland Library System, you may use your barcode and PIN to request material from other libraries in the consortium from within the Library Catalog. Depending on availability, items usually are delivered to the library within three days to one week. If you do not find what you are looking for in the Library Catalog or in our Online Databases, you can request materials from outside the Illinois Heartland Library System by using the **Book Request Form** in the **Find Books and Media** link from the Library HomePage or you can pick up a form at the circulation desk. Please ask a Librarian for assistance if you need help in completing the form.

## eBooks

The library has a number of searchable databases of electronic books covering a wide variety of subject areas including a large number of books on dental hygiene and medicine. They can be found by clicking on the **Find Books and Media** link and choosing one of the following links:

The **eBook Collection** contains digitized versions of books in all subject areas selected and purchased for use by the JALC community.

**Credo Reference** contains dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopedias, quotations and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering every topic including medicine, dentistry, and science.

**Sage Reference** is a collection of reference books on a wide variety of subjects mostly in the social sciences which include information on medicine and dentistry.

**Springer Link Medical** is a collection of medical books and journals with thousands of dentistry articles and books.

## Databases

**Finding Articles:** Use periodical indexes and databases to locate articles, reports, and other documents on your topic. Most of these resources provide full-text articles, which you can print, save, or e-mail. We also have print subscriptions to a small number of magazines and journals. If an article you need is not available at the John A. Logan Library in either print or electronic format, you can request the article from another library through Interlibrary Loan using the forms found either at the Circulation Desk or on the library's website by clicking on **Find Journals and Articles** from the Library HomePage and choosing **Article Request Form**.

To access the journal/article databases, from the Library's HomePage, click on **Find Journals and Articles**. The menu will guide you in selecting the appropriate place to begin your research.

The following databases represent the most useful for research in the dental field:

**OneSearch** allows searching of multiple databases at a time. After clicking on OneSearch, choose as many as databases as appropriate to search. The following databases represent the most useful for research in the dental hygiene/assistant field and can be searched simultaneously using OneSearch or individually by selecting them from the **Databases in Alphabetical Order** link:

**Academic Search Complete** is a large multi-disciplinary database that provides full text for more than 7,100 journals, including full text for more than 6,100 peer-reviewed titles. Indexing is provided for over 11,000 journals and other publications. PDF backfiles to 1887 are available.

**CINAHL Plus with Full Text** is a comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals, providing full text for more than 750 journals – with no embargo (full text of the latest journals are available without any delays).

**Consumer Health Complete** provides content covering all areas of health and wellness featuring more than 700 physician-generated videos with full-text transcripts and 248 animations. In addition, *Consumer Health Complete* includes the *Clinical Reference System* and the *Lexi-PAL Drug Guide*, which provides access to up-to-date, concise and clinically relevant drug monographs.

**HealthSource: Consumer** is a collection of consumer health information, providing information on many health topics including the medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine and general health. *Health Source: Consumer Edition* provides access to nearly 80 full text, consumer health magazines.

**HealthSource Nursing/Academic** provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. *Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition* also features the *Lexi-PAL Drug Guide*, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names.

**MedLine Plus** provides authoritative medical information on medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system and pre-clinical sciences with links to full-text journal articles and other information. <http://medlineplus.gov/>

**PubMed** is a service of the [U.S. National Library of Medicine](#) that includes over 18 million citations from MEDLINE and other life science journals for biomedical articles back to the 1950s. PubMed includes links to full text articles and other related resources.

## Dental Websites

Information on careers in the field as well as information on the latest research or news in the field can be found in websites. The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is

reliable and useful to your research. The sites that follow represent only a few of those that are available.

### **Associations**

The American Dental Hygienists' Association <http://www.adha.org/>.

The American Dental Assistants Association <http://www.dentalassistant.org/>

The American Dental Association <http://ada.org/>.

American Dental Association - Oral Health Topics A to Z <http://ada.org/365.aspx>

American Academy of Periodontology [http://www.perio.org/index\\_pro.html](http://www.perio.org/index_pro.html)

American Association of Public Health Dentistry (AAPHD) <http://www.aaphd.org/>

American Association for Dental Research <http://www.aadronline.org>

American Association of Endodontics <http://www.aae.org/>

American Dental Education Association <http://www.adea.org/>

### **Dental Resources**

Academy of General Dentistry <http://www.agd.org>

American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics  
<http://www.maxillofacialprosth.org/>

American Academy of Periodontology <http://www.perio.org>

American Dental Health Search Library <http://www.dental-health-search.com/>

Cases for Student Dental Hygiene Students <http://www.dhed.net/Cases.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/>

Dental Anatomy  
<http://www.dentalwisdom.com/training/anatomy/traininganatomy1.html>

Food & Drug Administration <http://www.fda.gov>

Medline Plus <http://medlineplus.gov/>

National Guideline Clearinghouse <http://www.guideline.gov/>

National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov>

National Institutes of Health <http://www.nih.gov/>

National Maternal & Child Oral Health Resource Center  
<http://www.mchoralhealth.org/>

Organization for Safety and Asepsis Procedures <http://www.osap.org/>

Patient's Guide to Dental Care <http://www.dentalwisdom.com/index.html>

PubMed Central <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov> a free archive of life sciences journals

Reference site for Oral pathology topics <http://www.oralpath.com>

SmileFinder.com <http://www.smilefinder.com/>

### **Selected Full Text Journals/Newsletters**

Advances in Dental Research (archives) <http://adr.iadrjournals.org/>

BMC Oral Health <http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcoralhealth/>

RDH the National Magazine for Dental Hygiene Professionals  
<http://www.rdhmag.com/index.html>

### **Metasites Developed by Other Libraries/Dental Associations**

Dental Hygiene Education Links <http://www.dhed.net/DHLinks.html>

Dental-Related Internet Resources <http://www.dental-resources.com/>

Gulf Coast Community College Library <http://guides.gulfcoast.edu/dental>

### **Guides and tutorials**

The Library has a range of research guides that will help with searching resources, writing papers, and with references. They can be found by linking to **Research Guides** on the library's HomePage.