



Exploring Culture Nursing Assignments

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Locating Information in Books

There are books about countries and their cultures, but this nursing assignment calls for very specific information. Some sources listed at the following Delta web page, about countries, can help:

[Countries](#)

HOWEVER, the following few books can be **VERY helpful**. The information, in these books, will cover what health workers need to know when trying to help patients with different cultural backgrounds.

Transcultural Nursing: assessment and intervention is located at the [Reserve Desk \(Circulation Desk\)](#) under Professor Horn's last name. A newer 2008 edition is located in Reference RT 86 54 .T73 2008. For most of you, this will be the **BEST source** to help you with this assignment. This book provides A LOT of relevant information on the following ethnic groups:

African-Americans -- Mexican Americans -- Navajos -- Appalachians -- American Eskimos: the Yup'ik and Inupiat -- Japanese Americans -- Afghans and Afghan Americans -- Russian Americans -- Chinese Americans -- Filipino Americans -- Vietnamese Americans -- East Indian Hindu Americans -- Haitian Americans -- Jewish Americans -- Korean Americans -- French Canadians of Québec origin -- Puerto Rican Americans.

Chapters located ONLY online have been printed from the online site. Located at the Reserve Desk (Circulation Desk) under Professor Horn's name are chapters for:

Amish Americans – Cuban Americans – Irish Americans – Jordanian Americans – Nigerian Americans – Ugandan Americans.

If you retrieve information from the book, you can cite the book in APA format like this:

Giger, J. N., & Davidhizar, R. E. (Eds.). (2008). *Transcultural nursing: assessment and intervention*. St. Louis, MO: Mosby Elsevier.

Browse the book shelves near these call numbers to find additional information about your topic.

Ask a librarian for help!

It gets a little more difficult to cite the chapter from the publisher's website, but here is an example of citing chapter 29 about Amish Americans in APA format:

Helmuth, M. R., & Schwartz, K. (2008). Amish Americans. In J. N. Giger and R. E.

Davidhizar (Eds.), *Transcultural nursing: assessment and intervention*.

Retrieved from

http://evolve.elsevier.com/section/default.asp?id=1312_global_0001

Transcultural communication in nursing does not cover as many ethnic groups as "Transcultural Nursing" does but it does provide helpful information on the following ethnic groups:

Asian-Pacific Islander -- Hispanic -- Black -- Native Americans -- Amish -- Filipino -- Iranian -- Irish -- Jewish.

Of particular value are chapters 2 and 14. This book is located in the circulating collection with the call number of RT 23 .L83 2005.

More BOOKS

CultureGrams (Ref. GT 150 .C85 2005 v. 1-4): Most of the countries listed will provide a heading of "Health" where a little information will be presented about health care. Depending on the country, the information ranges from a few sentences to a few paragraphs.

Global health care: issues and policies (RA 441 .G573 2008): gives information about global diseases and health / health care issues in countries such as: United States, United Kingdom, Sweden, Israel, Mexico, China, and South Africa. The book covers more countries, so look at the index in the back of the book for the country of your choice.

Encyclopedia of global health (Ref. RA 441 .E53 2008 v. 1-4): This is a four-volume encyclopedia set that will list subjects (including countries) alphabetically. Depending on the country, this source can provide a page, or two, about health care within a specific country.

Essentials of global health (RA 441 .S56 2008): look at the index in the back of the book to see if your country is mentioned.

A primer on international health (RA 441 .B83 2001): is older information, but the book provides some interesting information about health care and health care systems of different countries.

Worldmark encyclopedia of cultures and daily life (Ref. GN 333 .W67 2009 v.1-4): Each country will list "Living Conditions" where some health information will be provided.

Credible Information from Credible Sites on the Web:

[Country Studies](#) - Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress. This resource profiles the history, geography, society, economy, government, politics, and more, for a variety of countries. For most countries, information will be provided on health or health care system issues. You need to look closely in the table of contents for the terms **health** or **health care**.

[World Health Statistics 2009](#) is a publication produced by the World Health Organization. There is plenty of information, especially **statistics**, on topics such as:

- Mortality and burden of disease; Cause-specific mortality and morbidity; Selected infectious diseases; Health service coverage; Risk factors; Health workforce, infrastructure, essential medicines; Health expenditure and Health inequities.

[The World Health Report 2008: primary health care, now and more than ever](#). This is another excellent publication by the World Health Organization. This 119-page online source provides information about health care and health care systems for a variety of countries.

Journal, Magazine, and Newspaper articles

[Wilson Web](#) provides access to an electronic collection of bibliographic, abstract, and full-text information from books, magazines, journals, newspapers, and the World Wide Web. A few of the databases that will provide information about countries are OmniFile Full Text Select, Readers' Guide Full Text, and Wilson Business Full Text.

[InfoTrac](#) includes articles from newspapers, reference books, journals, and magazines, many with full-text and images. Find the latest current events, popular culture, business and industry coverage, the arts and sciences, sports, hobbies, and more in indexes/databases provided.

[CINAHL](#) provides indexing for 2,931 journals with 1,000,000 records dating back to 1981, covering nursing, biomedicine, health sciences librarianship, complementary medicine, consumer health and 17 allied health disciplines. In addition, this database offers indexing to health care books, nursing dissertations, selected conference proceedings, standards of practice, educational software, audiovisuals and book chapters. Searchable cited references for more than 1,200 journals are also included. Full-text material includes 70 journals plus legal cases, clinical innovations, critical paths, drug records, research instruments and clinical trials. **Contains limited full-text (70 journals).**

[FirstSearch: Medline](#) will lead to scholarly medical journal articles. FirstSearch's Medline will allow you to search for full-text articles, and articles that are within publications owned by Delta Library.

[National Library of Medicine \(PubMed\) \(On-Campus and Off-Campus\)](#)

PubMed is a service of the National Library of Medicine, that provides access to over 11 million MEDLINE citations back to the mid-1960's and additional life science journals. PubMed can provide some links to sites with free full-text articles and resources.

TIP: PubMed offers a link to "limit" your search. By clicking on "Limits", you can limit the search to "Links with free full-text" (entire article) and you can limit to articles presented in English.

The following link will take you to an article which is an example of what you can find in PubMed, as well as some of the other databases listed here.

<http://ons.metapress.com/content/f5670j041167708l/fulltext.pdf> takes you to an article titled "The Experience of Filipino American Patients with Cancer." Please pay particular attention to pages 1172 - 1175 in order to see what articles can provide for this assignment. The search strategy for finding this article was typing within the search box.... filipino nursing.