How to Find Primary Research in the Sciences: Video Transcript
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Welcome to this brief video on How to Find Primary Research in the Science Databases. While there are many databases for the Sciences four of the most frequently used include CINAHL, PubMed, ScienceDirect and Web of Science.

CINAHL is the primary database for nursing and allied health. By checking off research article and peer-reviewed you will increase the number of high quality source results.

Next, PubMed has information on all aspects of medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, health care systems and preclinical sciences. You can start by typing in your search terms in the main search bar. If you click on the ‘More’ option under Article types, you will be able to narrow down the results you are looking at. You can see that there are a lot of options for finding research, but you can start by selecting journal article.

ScienceDirect is another database that covers the physical sciences, engineering, life and health sciences, social sciences and humanities. You can use the main search bar to search for your topic. If you are looking for more narrow results you can go to advanced search and select the journals tab and choose the article format for research and primary articles. You can see if it is an original research article right in the results list.

Finally, Web of Science also covers lots of disciplines including sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities. You can choose which disciplines to search in by selecting ‘More Settings’ and deselecting those that don’t apply. You can also limit the results by date range and document types.

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