Purpose of the Collection:

The nursing collection of Western Libraries is intended to support the research activities of faculty, students and staff and the instructional requirements of undergraduate and graduate programs offered by the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing. The physical collections for all these areas are housed in the Allyn & Betty Taylor Library.

Although the Allyn & Betty Taylor Library is the primary location for material supporting the research and instructional needs of nursing, material supporting the varied programs of the Faculty may also be found in other Western Libraries locations.

Program Information:

Vision & Mission of The Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing

The School’s vision is to be a recognized leader in innovative health education, research, practice, and policy.

Its mission is to educate nurses who are reflective practitioners, and to provide recognized leadership in theoretical, research, practice, teaching, and policy advancements by developing and disseminating knowledge related to nursing practice, nursing education, health services delivery, and promotion of health and healing. (http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/nursing/)

Undergraduate Programs

- Western-Fanshawe Collaborative BScN
- Compressed Time Frame BScN

Graduate Programs

- Master of Nursing (MN)
- Master of Science in Nursing (MScN)
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Nurse Practitioner Certificate (NP)
Subject Areas Covered:

Subject areas in support of research:

Aboriginal Health
Health Care Systems
Health Communication
Health and Homelessness
Health Information Literacy
Health Policy
Health Promotion and Determinants of Health
Health Services Delivery
Maternal/child health promotion
Mental Health Care with attention to
   Addictions
   Anxiety Disorders
   Cognition Disorders
   Gerontology
   Poverty
Nursing Education with attention to
   Clinical Teaching
   Curriculum and Faculty Development
   Empowerment
   Internationalization
   Interprofessional Education
   Simulation
   Student and Program Evaluation
   Technology
Nursing Leadership
Rural Health
Therapeutic Relationships
Women’s Health
Workplace Health Empowerment

Subject areas in support of instruction:

Community Health
Emergency Care
Ethics
Family Health
Global Health
Health Communication
Health Policy
Health Promotion and Determinants of Health
Human Growth and Development
Interprofessional Education
Maternal/Child Health Promotion
Nursing Informatics
Nursing Theories
Nutrition
Nursing Leadership
Organizational Theory Rural
Health
Women’s Health

Format:

Acquisitions will include monographs, monograph series, and journals. Resources, particularly journals, in digital format are preferentially selected over their print counterparts, when available. Alternate formats, such as CD-ROM, video, DVD, and microform, are considered on an individual request basis.

Language:

English is the primary language of collection. Materials in other languages may be acquired to support the curriculum. English translations of major works in other languages are also acquired.

Source of Publication:

Sources of publication are primarily Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Western Europe. Material published in other regions is considered upon request and evaluated for quality and relevance.

Date of Publication:

Materials with a recent imprint date are preferred. Older material will be considered upon request, if not adequately represented in the collection.

Exclusions:

With the exception of individual requests and some selective acquisitions, the following types of material are not acquired:

1) Popular or consumer health literature
2) Conference and symposium proceedings
3) Theses or dissertations from other institutions
4) Course textbooks
5) Pocket books and small general reference texts – print versions
6) Pamphlets and loose-leaf publications
7) Duplicate purchases
Related Collections and Cooperation: (also seems to be a good presence of nursing/school of nursing materials in the Archives & Research Collections Centre)

The Western Libraries collection for nursing is supplemented by collections in related fields, such as clinical medicine, epidemiology, biostatistics, allied health, rehabilitative medicine, health sciences and the social sciences.

For material that is not part of our collections or available locally Western Libraries provides an effective and efficient Interlibrary Loans Service (RACER) through which faculty, researchers and students at all levels can obtain research materials from other locations.

Gifts:

The library gratefully accepts gifts of materials in good condition. As considerable expense is incurred by Western Libraries in the receipt and processing, the library only accepts gifts of materials which support current teaching and research needs, or which are not adequately represented in the collection.

Managing the Collection:

In order to ensure that collections remain optimally useful for our patrons, it is necessary to analyze collection usage and available space regularly. Items will need to be selectively removed from the active collection from time to time.

Duplicate items that are no longer required to support the curriculum, and damaged items that can no longer be replaced may be removed from the collection at the discretion of the Subject Librarian.

Items that are unique to Western may be transferred to a storage facility. Material housed in these storage facilities is available on request through the Library Catalogue.

Criteria for transfer selection include, but are not limited to, the following:

1) Outdated or previous editions of titles
2) Medium- to low-use items
3) Material that is available in alternate formats, i.e., online
4) Materials that would benefit from storage in a more controlled environment.

Consult Subject Librarian for further details about these criteria.

Resources to aid in acquisition of material:

1) Direct ordering profile with Coutts monograph vendor. (A full service supplier for books and electronic content from publishers and distributors worldwide)
2) Doody’s Review Services will be used to aid the selector in identifying and reviewing sources
3) Faculty and student purchase requests