

# Nursing Certification Bibliography

2021-2022 Edition



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## 1. About This Resource

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) provides this Nursing Certification Bibliography as a resource for its members and as a current overview of the published literature relative to registered nurse specialty certification.

## 2. 2022 Methods

A master's prepared, independent medical librarian was consulted to identify the most appropriate search terms and databases and to assist with refining search strategies and conducting a comprehensive literature search for the ABNS Nursing Certification Bibliography. The search was executed using the standardized indexing terms keywords and the wildcard for Certification, "certifi\*", nurse\* Nursing, and nurs\*. The asterisk symbol was used after nurs to broaden the search by including all words starting with the letters nurs (eg, nurse, nursing).

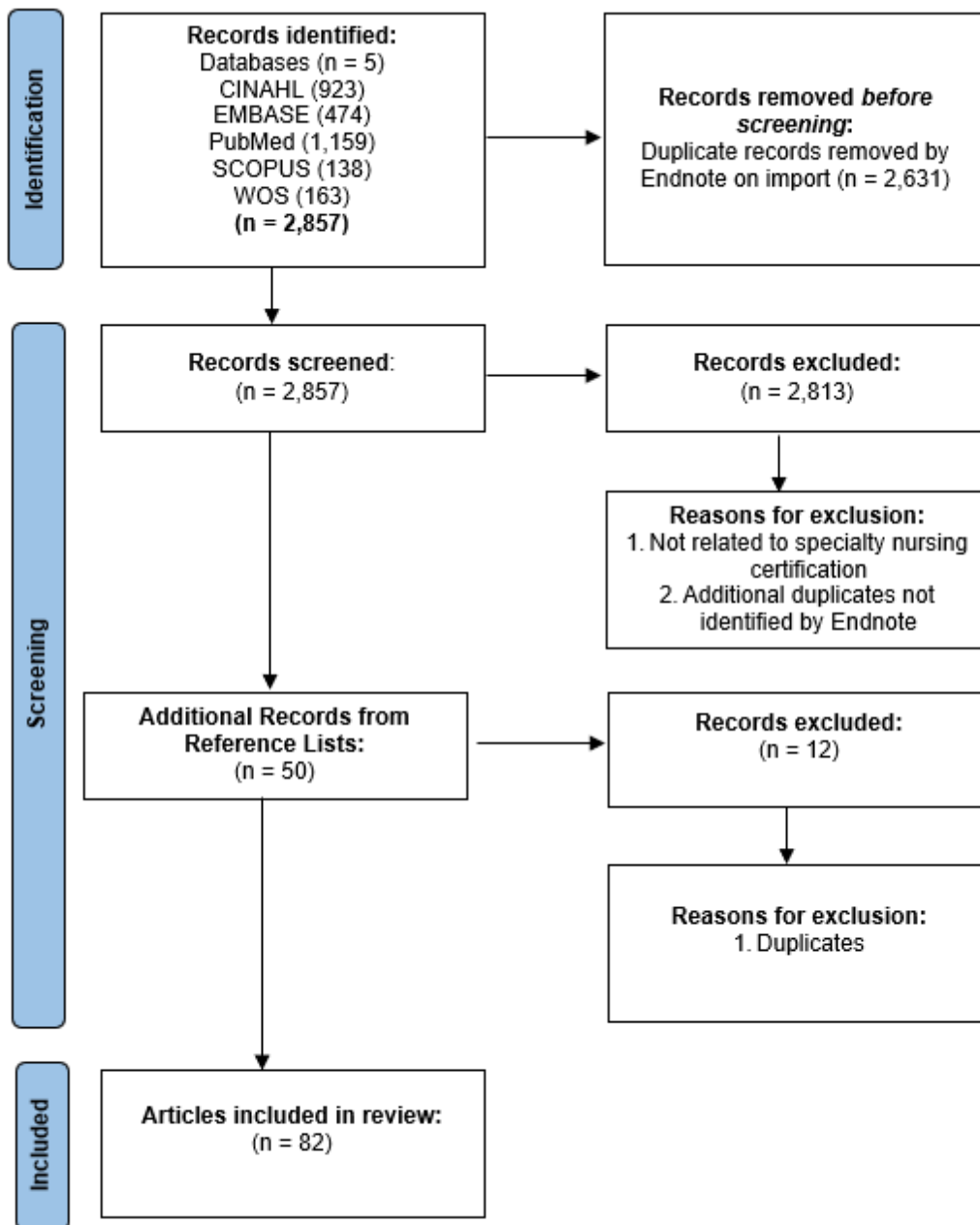
A structured literature search was implemented in PubMed/MEDLINE (1946-), Elsevier EMBASE (1947-), CINAHL (Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature, 1937-) SCOPUS (1823-), and Clarivate Web of Science Core Collection (WOS, 1900-), from 2021-2022 in each database. All results were exported to EndNote. The medical librarian used the duplicate finder in EndNote and 2631 **duplicates** were assumed to be accurately identified and removed for a total of **2,857 unique citations**. The search was limited to English language.

## 3. 2022 Results

In total, 2,857 articles and studies were identified through online database searching (Figure 1). After review of the eligible articles and studies, 2,812 were removed as irrelevant to nursing specialty certification or duplicates not identified by Endnote. Forty-four (44) references were selected for inclusion and their references were reviewed for additional relevant literature, resulting in the identification of an additional 50 references, of which twelve (12) were duplicates upon review. Eighty-two (82) references were added to the bibliography in the following sections:

- Advanced Practice Certification ( $n = 17$ )
- Certification Preparation ( $n = 10$ )
- Competency and Continuing Competence ( $n = 4$ )
- Descriptive Studies ( $n = 6$ )
- General Information/Interest ( $n = 9$ )
- Specialty Certification ( $n = 13$ )
- Patient Outcome Studies ( $n = 11$ )
- Role Delineation and Exam Development/Blueprint ( $n = 1$ )
- Value of Certification ( $n = 11$ )

References from 2012 to 2022 are listed in alphabetical order by year. References from 2011 and earlier are grouped at the end of each section and are listed in alphabetical order. The intent is for users of this resource to see the published literature from the past 10 years but also to have access to previously identified literature.



*Figure 1. Flow Diagram of Literature Search Results*

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