**Literature search strategy template**

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| Search terms (AND, OR, NOT) and truncation (wildcard characters like \*) |  |
| Databases searched | *All relevant databases for the topic area such as: CINAHL, Medline, Proquest Central* |
| Part of journals searched | *Did you use: keywords in abstract and title, subject headings and so on?* |
| Years of search | *This depends on the amount of ongoing research published in journals. E.g. 2001-2011* |
| Language | *E.g. English* |
| Types of studies to be included | *E.g. qualitative studies* |
| Inclusion criteria (why did you include it?) |  |
| Exclusion criteria (why did you rule it out? |  |

**For your initial search you can use a variety of sources *both primary and secondary*. This can include the internet (Google scholar, MEDNAR), your practice educator, media, books, guidelines. This type of information should be included as your *‘initial browse’* in your coursework as Figure 1. However, for your literature search strategy you must use primary sources only. This means peer reviewed research journals only.**