

Global Health Perspective Pathfinder

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Books, Videos and DVDs

Start by visiting the Alverno Library's homepage: <http://depts.alverno.edu/library/>

From the homepage, users can access Summon and the online catalog TOPCAT. **Summon** is an "all in one" tool that allows you to search multiple resources at one time. Summon is useful when you're starting to investigate a topic or you're not sure where to begin. **TOPCAT** is the catalog of items found in the Alverno Library collection, as well as the collections of the SWITCH library consortium. Use Summon or TOPCAT to search for books, ebooks, DVDs, and other items.

Some useful search terms include:

- Cross cultural medicine
- Global health
- Health religious aspects
- Minorities medical care
- Transcultural health
- Transcultural nursing
- World health

Here is a sampling of books from Alverno's collection:

- *Achieving cultural competency: A case-based approach to training health professionals* [ebook](#)
- *Culture & clinical care* – [Ref 610.73089 C968c 2005](#)
- *Cultural diversity in health & illness* – [362.10425 S741 2009](#)
- *Doorway thoughts: Cross-cultural health care for older adults* (volumes 1-3) – [362.6 D691](#)
- *Global health care: Issues and policies* – [362.1 G562h](#)
- *Guide to culturally competent health care* – [362.1 P485 2009](#)
- *Introducing global health: Practice, policy, and solutions* [ebook](#)
- *Religious traditions and health care decisions* – [Ref 610.88 R382](#)
- *Transcultural nursing: Assessment and intervention* – [610.73089 T772 2008](#) or [Ref 610.73089 T772 2013](#)

Tip: Don't forget about the convenient SWITCH delivery service. You can request available items quickly and easily from the libraries in the SWITCH consortium. The SWITCH collection is just a click away! Ask a librarian for details.

Databases and Journal Articles

Alverno subscribes to many databases that provide access to scholarly journal articles and other quality resources that will help you gain a global health perspective. From the Alverno Library's homepage, click "Finding Information", select "[Databases by Subject](#)" and click "Nursing". Here are a few suggestions:

- CINAHL Plus with Full Text
- PubMed Medline
- ProQuest Nursing
- Health in the Americas

Tip: Cultures are often referred to by more than one name (e.g. Hispanic, Hispanic American, or Latino). Consider using synonyms when searching for information on different cultures.

Websites

The Alverno Library provides access to a collection of librarian selected websites. From the library's homepage, click "Finding Information", select "Best Web Sites" and click "[Nursing](#)". The Best Web Sites for Nursing has links to many quality websites and includes sections on "Health Statistics", "International Health", and "Transcultural Health".

International Health

Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)

PAHO is an international public health agency dedicated to improving health and living standards of the countries of the Americas. Its site provides information on a variety of health topics, data and statistics, and access to numerous publications including the respected [Health in the Americas](#).

<http://new.paho.org/hq/index.php?lang=en>

World Health Organization (WHO)

This comprehensive site provides detailed information on many aspects of healthcare for countries around the world. It includes information on health topics, data and statistics, traveler's health reports, and more. The site also provides access to many WHO publications, including the [World Health Report](#).

<http://www.who.int/en/>

Health Statistics – International Health

Global Health Facts

Found on the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation website, this resource provides current data by country on a variety of key health and socio-economic indicators.

<http://kff.org/globaldata/>

Global Health Observatory (GHO)

World Health Organization's guide to international statistical and epidemiological information.

<http://www.who.int/gho/en/>

Transcultural Health

Culture Clues™

Culture Clues are short tip sheets designed to increase awareness of concepts and preferences of patients from diverse cultures. This site includes end-of-life care guidelines for some cultures.

<http://depts.washington.edu/pfes/CultureClues.htm>

CulturedMed™

From the SUNY Institute of Technology Library, this site provides access to information on health beliefs for different cultures. Look for the "[Bibliographies by Ethnic Group](#)" link to access scholarly bibliographies on a variety of groups.

<http://culturedmed.binghamton.edu/>

EthnoMed

Created by the University of Washington Harborview Medical Center, EthnoMed provides information on cultural beliefs, medical issues, and other information pertinent to the healthcare of recent immigrants and refugees.

<http://ethnomed.org/>

Need more information? Be sure to contact an Alverno librarian at (414) 382-6062