How **Evidence-Ready** is Your Nursing Education Program?

A quick diagnostic for nurse educators in clinical settings

Nurse educators are expected to support evidence-based practice, clinical competency, and ongoing professional development — often with limited time and fragmented resources. This quick diagnostic helps you assess how well your current education approach supports nursing research, skills reinforcement, and educator efficiency.

Evidence-Readiness Checklist Instructions: Read each statement and select the option that best reflects your current program. For each statement, select one:

Consistently true **(2 points)** | Sometimes true **(1 point)** | Rarely true or not in place **(0 points)**

Research and evidence-based practice

1. Nurses have easy, centralized access to accurate, current, evidence-based information.   **2   1   0**

2. Nurses have access to leading full-text journals which deliver critical research to promote evidence-based practice.   **2   1   0**

Practical skills and competency reinforcement

3. Nurses have access to research on a vast range of topics across all nursing specialties, supporting them in growing and maintaining a broad skill set in specialized areas.   **2   1   0**

4. Nurses have access to top peer-reviewed journals and instructional videos to support competency and skill-building.   **2   1   0**

Lifelong learning and licensure

5. Nurses can access continuing education modules, allowing them to earn contact hours needed for license and certification renewal.   **2   1   0**

6. The resources support nurses across career paths, from new graduates to experienced clinicians pursuing specialty or licensure requirements.   **2   1   0**

Enhancing research skills

7. Nurses and nurse educators can easily retrieve relevant and accurate information.   **2   1   0**

8. The resources provide tools and filters that make finding and evaluating research much easier.   **2   1   0**

Program-level readiness

9. Our nursing education program leaders are confident that learners are using current, trusted, nursing-specific sources.   **2   1   0**

My Score: _____ /18

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What Your Results Mean

	Opportunities to strengthen readiness	How CINAHL Ultimate can help
Foundational (0–6 points) Your program values evidence-based education, but access, efficiency or consistency may be limiting impact. Educators may be spending significant time searching for content, validating sources or filling gaps with ad hoc materials.	• Centralize access to current nursing journals and evidence • Reduce time spent searching and summarizing research • Expand instructional resources for skills reinforcement • Support CEU access without adding complexity	• Leading full-text nursing journals with the most current research • Natural Language Searching and PICOT prompts speed discovery • Hundreds of instructional videos to support technique refinement • Integrated CEU content to support ongoing education
Developing (7–12 points) Your program has strong components in place, but opportunities remain to streamline workflows and scale support across learner types and settings.	• Improve speed and confidence in evaluating research relevance • Reduce manual summarization • Ensure consistent access to evidence and skills resources	• AI Insights that provide concise, nursing-focused article summaries • Advanced search tools that align with how educators and nurses think and ask questions • Clinical skills videos and CE resources integrated into one platform

Evidence-Ready (13–18 points)

Your nursing education program is well supported by current evidence, efficient discovery tools and integrated learning resources. The focus now is sustaining readiness, supporting retention and adapting as education demands evolve.

How CINAHL Ultimate supports ongoing success

• Trusted, nursing-specific journals to keep education current

• Time-saving research tools that protect educator capacity

• Instructional videos and CEUs that reinforce clinical excellence

• Resources that support nurse engagement, confidence and retention

Explore what evidence-ready nursing education can look like

Learn how **CINAHL Ultimate** helps nurse educators save time, strengthen evidence-based practice and support clinical competency.