TIPS for using the Electronic Resources of HPD Library

- Everything you need to assist you in fully utilizing all of our resources is available through our HPD home page www.nova.edu/cwis/hpdlibrary
- MEDLINE is the best place to start when you are beginning to look for journal articles on your topic. Over 4800 medical/health related journals are indexed here. You can start with a broad overview and then narrow your search using either OVID Medline or EBSCOhost Medline.
- For audiology topics, you should also consult other databases that can be found in the Electronic Library (www.nova.edu under Libraries and Research). Of special note will be the ones dealing with psychology and education topics.
- Consult the various pages of this guide to help you with specific problems. Most of the guides as well as longer tutorials are available online on the HPD home page under “Help, Instruction, and Tutorials.”
- Most databases operate in a similar fashion. Each also has a HELP function somewhere on the opening page of the database if you get stuck.
- The choice between using OVID and EBSCO databases may come down to which search screen you are more comfortable with. Try out both of them and get to know them well. These are both powerful search engines with lots of features that are not covered in this orientation.
- CINAHL is a database similar to Medline but covering Allied Health fields which may not be indexed by Medline.
- MDConsult is a database that you must sign up for individually. This is an excellent database for patient handouts, clinical guidelines, etc., as well as medical/health news.
- If a journal is not available in full text online, request the article through the blue bar at the bottom of the HPD Library home page “Request and Interlibrary Loan.” See the page in this booklet for more information.
- Occasionally you may be denied access for various reasons. For example, for some databases there is a limit on the number of simultaneous users. If you can’t get in, try again later. Some few journals are not available off-campus. If you find that you are having trouble accessing anything and think that you should be able to, contact the library for help.
- Electronic Course Reserves will be very useful to you as distance students. Your instructor will tell you when items are available.
- Look on the list of “Useful Web Links” to find links to good commercial websites, government websites, medical dictionaries, etc.
- For help with citations for electronic resources, find links under “Writing Manuals” on the “Useful Web Links” page.
- For clinical trials and systematic reviews, look in the OVID database list for the Cochrane databases.
- Use this introductory booklet to help you choose databases and use them effectively.
- Contact the audiology reference librarian at kayerob@nova.edu for help. She’ll get back to you as soon as possible.