The NHS provides useful additional resources for students on placement or students already working in the NHS. The collection consists of a number of healthcare databases (including Cinahl and Medline) and continues to be available to you as long as you are in practice.

To access NICE/NHS databases and journals you require an NHS Athens account. You can register for this at www.athens.nhs.uk (by clicking on the self-register option). Librarians at your hospital will be able to help you access and use these resources.

For help with NHS Athens logins, NHS healthcare databases and other NHS resources, contact your hospital library.

For more information about local library resources check the East of England Health Libraries (EEL) website at http://www.eel.nhs.uk

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**NHS healthcare databases** www.evidence.nhs.uk

**Getting help**

Bookable one-to-ones can be made with the Academic skills advisers or the Academic liaison librarians for your subject. Appointments can be up to an hour long, with a maximum of one hour long appointment a week. If you require more than one hour long appointment this can be discussed with the Academic Skills Adviser concerned.

Book Appointments by:

- **The Learning Services Helpdesk** (in the Library)
  - Call: 01473 338700
  - Email: Learningservices@ucs.ac.uk
  - Talk: to a member of staff.

- You can also contact an advisor Directly—Details below

**Academic liaison librarians** (Literature searching and referencing)

Katharine Holmes
k.holmes@ucs.ac.uk
01473 338702

**Academic skills advisers** (Academic writing, assignment structure and basic math)

Peter Stanners
p.stanners@ucs.ac.uk
01473 338727
If you are studying on a nursing or health related course at UCS you may be away on placement for several weeks or months at a time. However, you will still need to access and use Library resources in order to support your assignments and research.

**Renew your Library books** - remember to return any items you have finished with.

**Clear outstanding fines** - if you owe £10.00 or over you will be unable to renew your books online.

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**Borrowing from UCS Library when on placement**

If you already have any UCS items on loan you can renew these online for up to 9 times (unless someone else has requested the item). If a book has been requested you will need to return it to UCS. If you cannot return books in person you should post them back to UCS or ask someone else to return them. UCS books must be returned directly to UCS rather than to a hospital library.

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**Using your hospital library**

You can register to join your hospital library while on placement. You will be able to:

- **Borrow books and browse journals** *(note: reference only at Cambridge Medical Library)*
- **Request items via the inter-library loans service** *(with the exception of Colchester Hospital Library). Note: there may be a charge and the service may only be available if you are on extended placement.* Students on placement at Ipswich should use the service at UCS.
- **Print and photocopy** – check for local arrangements *(e.g. you may need to provide your own A4 paper, buy a photocopying card etc.)*
- **Use study space.**
- **Use computers** *(from which you can access MyUCS and UCS databases)* *(Note: you may have to register to do this.)*

Get help with literature searches. **Note: do not expect a literature search service.**

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**Information about your hospital library:**

- **Cambridge Medical Library**
  
  [http://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/](http://library.medschl.cam.ac.uk/)

- **Colchester Hospital**
  

- **Frank Curtis Library**
  

- **Ipswich Hospital**
  
  [http://www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk/library](http://www.ipswichhospital.nhs.uk/library)

- **James Paget Hospital**
  

- **Norfolk & Norwich Hospital**
  

- **Peterborough City Hospital**
  
  [http://www.eel.nhs.uk/laxton](http://www.eel.nhs.uk/laxton)

- **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**
  
  [http://www.eel.nhs.uk/gehkl](http://www.eel.nhs.uk/gehkl)

- **West Suffolk Hospital**
  
  [http://www.wsh.nhs.uk/ServicesAtoZ/CorporateServices/EducationTraining/Library/ArrangementofBooksandPamphlets.aspx](http://www.wsh.nhs.uk/ServicesAtoZ/CorporateServices/EducationTraining/Library/ArrangementofBooksandPamphlets.aspx)

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**Researching your assignment or essay**

- **Level 4 – Summon, the library’s one-stop search tool, will enable you to search across all UCS collections including books in the library, e-books and journal articles in UCS databases.**

- **Level 5 and 6** - you should focus on using specialist collections such as Cinahl in order to search in a more structured and systematic way.