Figure 2. Flowchart of Process of Retrieving Studies for Review

**Search terms**: Students, nursing OR student\* AND nurs\*; AND academic failure OR student dropouts OR probation OR attrition OR dismiss\* OR academic persistence OR academic progression OR graduat\* AND delay OR course AND repeat\* OR repetition\*

**Limits**: availability of abstract, English language,

**3104 citations:** MEDLINE 846, CINAHL 1957, ERIC 232, Conference Papers Index 59, Hand search of reference lists 10

###### 19 full-text articles for the review

MEDLINE and CINAHL n = 14, ERIC n = 2, Conference Papers Index n = 2, Hand search n = 1

###### 28 possible full-text articles

After reviewing abstracts, 3076 abstracts excluded because they were duplicates or based on exclusion criteria.

After reviewing full-text articles, 9 full-text articles excluded:

* Dissertations that were represented by later published articles in the collection (3)
* Did not meet inclusion criteria (6)