Figure A: Search Strategy

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| Database/Search Engine | Search Keywords and/or Subject Headings Applied | Number of Publications Retrieved | Limiters/Filters  Applied |  |
| CINAHL Plus with Full Text | (MH "Students, Post-RN") OR (MH "Registered Nurses") OR "registered nurses" OR (MH "Associate Degree Nurses") OR "associate degree nurses" (MH "Diploma Nurses") OR "diploma nurses" OR “rn-bsn” OR “rn” OR “rns”  **AND**  (MH "Education, Non-Traditional") OR (MH "Curriculum Development") OR (MH "Models, Educational") OR (MH "Education, Post-RN") OR (MH "Academic Advisement") OR (MH "Academic Achievement") | 143 | Five-year publication date from: January 1, 2010- December 31, 2014; English Language; Peer Reviewed; Research Article; Run on January 3, 2015 |  |
| ProQuest Dissertations and Theses | RN to BSN OR RN-BSN | 55 | Field Code Abstract (AB)  Limits: English, past 5 years, run on January 3, 2015 |  |
| PubMed  ([National Center for Biotechnology Information](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov), [U.S. National Library of Medicine](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/)) | “RN-BSN” OR “associate degree nurses” OR “diploma nurses”  AND  Education, nursing, baccalaureate [mesh] | 23 | Five-year publication date from: January 1, 2010- December 31, 2014; English Language; Run on January 3, 2015 Case Reports, Clinical Conference, Clinical Trial, Comparative Study, Evaluation Studies, Journal Article, Multicenter Study, Randomized Controlled Trial, Systematic Reviews, Review, Observational Study, Scientific Integrity Review, Technical Report, Books and Documents |  |
| Snowball Technique |  | 5 | Reference lists of retrieved papers |  |
| Total Combined Publications |  | 226 |  |  |