

ABEn's WAYS OF PUBLISHING

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The Brazilian Nursing Association (ABEn) releases and publishes a large part of nurses' intellectual production. Firstly, in the catalog called **Information about research and researchers on Nursing**^a, a book presenting the summaries of the production of postgraduate students in nursing and the production of nurses in other areas, as well as theses presented in competitive examinations. Published in paper form until 2001, the volumes have been made available online on ABEn's home page (www.abennacional.org.br/catalogos) since 2002. This initiative was aimed at facilitating and speeding up both the dissemination and the access.

That was the way of publishing we came up with so that we could make all the summaries available, in view of the fact that 1,012 theses and dissertations⁽¹⁾ were produced by nursing students from 1998 to 2000. The production of the following three years is shown in the table below:

Year	Master's Degree	PhD	Total
2001	301	103	414
2002	348	90	438
2003	321	150	471
Total	970	343	1323

Table - Total of dissertations and theses defended in Nursing postgraduate programs in Brazil from 2001 to 2003. Brasília (Federal District) 2004.

We would need several books to release that production. Therefore, the online format allows including all to a larger number of researchers.

Another traditional publication of ABEn is the Annals of the Brazilian Congress of Nursing (CBEn), which offers as advantages the correction of possible mistakes and/or the inclusion of documents produced during the event. Thus, something that was static, heavy, many-paged, hard-to-handle, was kept on a bookshelf, took work that can undergo corrections.

Similarly, the Brazilian Nursing Journal is also debuting on the home page, presenting the summaries in three languages (Portuguese, English and Spanish) and comprising 5 volumes or 24 installments of the journal, an initiative that will probably be a model for the online format.

If the output of postgraduate students is reaching the thousands, the space in regular circulation periodicals barely reaches 500 articles a year. That means that the support of paper for periodicals does not meet the increasingly intense demand for publication, both due to the increase in postgraduate studies and due to the demand for students to produce and publish their research. The creation of online periodicals will facilitate the dissemination of knowledge, exposing that production to a comprehensive and permanent criticism⁽²⁾, thus contributing to the construction of the memory of the nursing science and, therefore, making feasible an all-inclusive collection.

To create these works, well-known and consolidated technologies are utilized so as to make it easier for users to use them; otherwise we would hold off those researchers who search for simpler and quicker technologies. In addition, a data base with search engines has been set up. It can be consulted by authors' names, titles, keywords and it is complete at any moment. It has made it possible for millions of readers

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These new ways of publishing enable a quick access beyond libraries and manage to reach the nursing staff that is not inserted into ABEn, thus strengthening and nearing them to the policies of the association, which advocates the speech of Brazilian Nursing.

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