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About This Resource

The American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) provides this Nursing Certification Bibliography as a resource for its members and as a current overview of the published literature relative to registered nurse specialty certification.

2020 Methods

A doctorally prepared, independent researcher was consulted to identify the most appropriate search terms and databases and to assist with refining search strategies and conducting a comprehensive literature search for updating the 2019–2020 ABNS Nursing Certification Bibliography. Keywords or medical subject headings included *certification* and *nurs**. Quotation marks were used around the phrase “*certification and nurs**” to ensure that the terms would be searched as a singular entity rather than as two separate and unrelated terms. The asterisk symbol was used after *nurs* to broaden the search by including all words starting with the letters *nurs* (eg, nurse, nursing).

Search strategies included online searching of the PubMed, Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature databases and the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews for published literature. Inclusion criteria for the bibliographic review included all types of articles and studies related to specialty certification of registered nurses. The search was limited to literature published between August 1, 2019, and December 31, 2020, and only literature written in English was included.

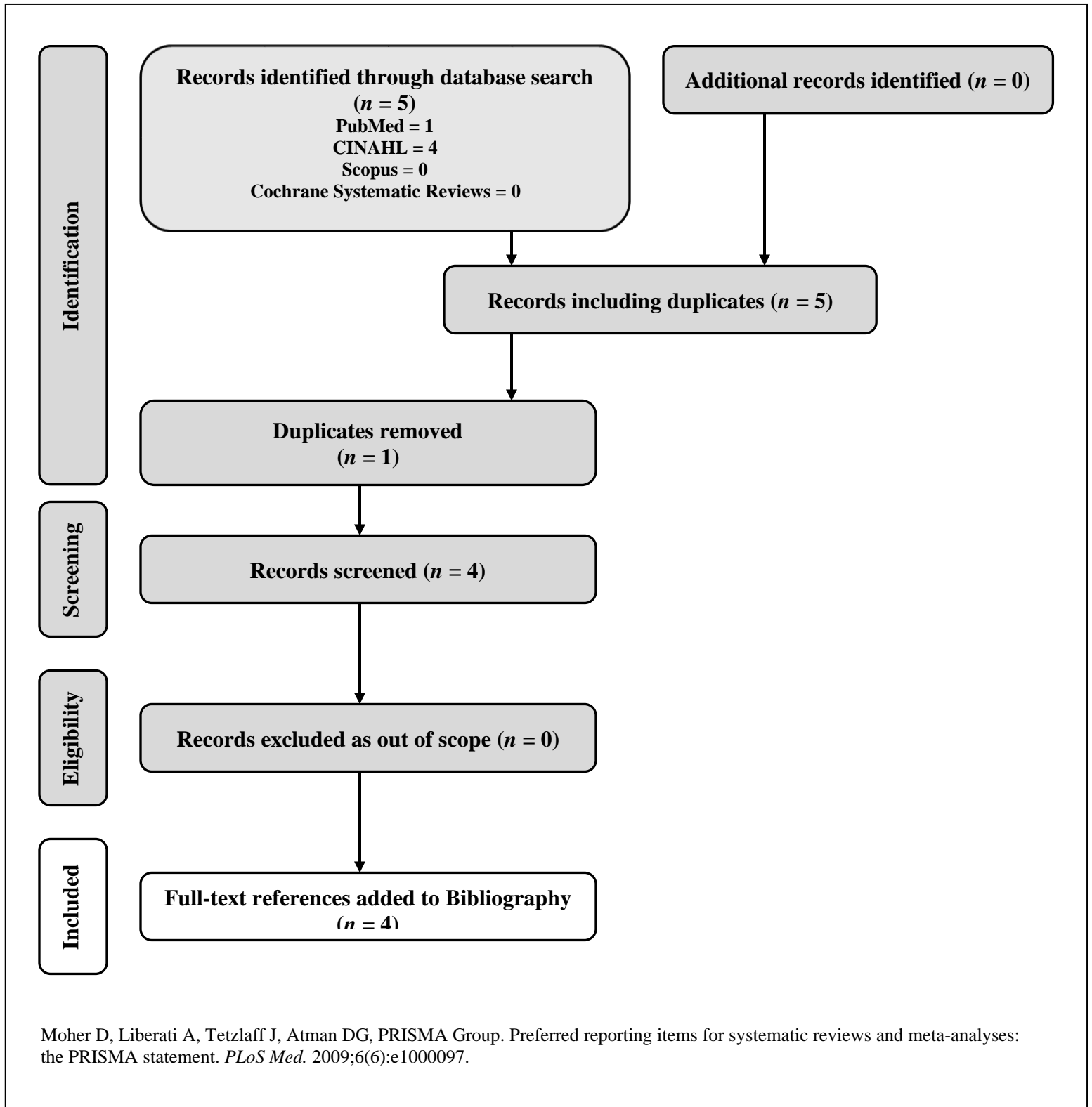
2020 Results

In total, 5 articles and studies were identified through online database searching (Figure 1). After removal of duplicates and abstract review of the eligible articles and studies, 4 references were added to the bibliography in the following sections:

- Specialty Certification ($n = 2$)
- Value of Certification ($n = 2$)

References from 2010 to 2020 are listed in alphabetical order by year. References from 2009 and earlier are grouped at the end of each section and are listed in alphabetical order. The intent is for users of this resource to readily see the published literature relative to registered nurse specialty certification from the past 10 years but also to have access to previously identified literature.

Figure 1. Flow Diagram of Literature Search Results



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