517 articles identified from databases
486 in EMBASE
6 in CINAHL
25 in PUBMED

10 articles identified through reference lists or by colleagues

22 duplicate articles eliminated

495 unique articles identified

479 citations excluded based on screening of titles and abstracts
- Not derived from a systematic review or review of literature (n = 5)
- Not involving nurses in rural/peripheral/remote areas (n = 83)
- Not related to factors that influence the retention of nurses (n = 391)

26 potentially relevant articles identified for further review

21 articles excluded after full-text review
- Not derived from a systematic review (n = 4)
- Not involving nurses in rural/peripheral/remote areas (n = 9)
- Not related to factors that influence the retention of nurses (n = 8)

5 reviews included in the final overview