

Tips for Searching Education Literature

Use Boolean operators AND, OR NOT

- ◆ *Cheating AND adolescents*
- ◆ *Principals NOT middle school*

Consider using demographics to delimit your search

Search for theoretical literature on your topic

- ◆ *Emotional intelligence AND theory*

Examine references cited in the literature

Search for names of prominent individuals

Consider using the term “history”

Consider using “definition” as a keyword

Consider using “literature review” or “review”

Consider using an exact phrase match

- ◆ *“school achievement”*

Need More Help?

The Pearson library staff, based in the Office of Information Systems and Services (ISS) is here to support you and your students. The following departments can be reached for specialized assistance:

Information Commons

Phone: 805.493.3255

E-mail: CLUlibrary@clunet.edu

Access Services/Circulation Department

Phone: 805.493.3937

Interlibrary Loan

Phone: 805.493.3120

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Computer Help Line

Phone: 805.493.3698

Writing Center

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Using Education Databases for Online Research



The Pearson Library:

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The Pearson Library offers many valuable information resources ranging from books and journals to electronic databases to help you research material for your paper or dissertation. This handout will provide you with an overview of key databases and information resources available through CLUnet and provide you with general tips for selecting the right education database for your research needs.

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Choosing the Right Education Database

Follow these guidelines to select the best database for your research. If you need more help, check with the Information Commons Desk.

Citations

- ◆ SCOPUS

Dissertations

- ◆ *Dissertation Abstracts*

Peer-Reviewed Literature

- ◆ ERIC
- ◆ *PsycArticles*
- ◆ *PsycINFO*

- ◆ SCOPUS

- ◆ *Wilson Education*

Standardized Test Reviews

- ◆ *Mental Measurements Yearbook*

Demographic Information

- ◆ California Rand
- ◆ Statistical Universe

Searching the CLU Education Databases

Step 1: Sign on the Portal and Navigate to the Pearson Library homepage:



Step 2: Click on : Electronic Resources by Subject:



Step 3: Open the "Education" link to display databases for education research and select the database of your choice:



Pearson Library Education Databases

Dissertation Abstracts

(1861-present; updated monthly) Contains citations/abstracts for the complete range of academic subjects appearing in dissertations accepted at accredited institutions.

ERIC

(1966-present; updated monthly) Includes journal articles, books, theses, curricula, conference papers, and standards and guidelines.

Mental Measurements Yearbook

Full text information about and reviews of standardized tests.

PsycArticles

Full-text articles from 41 peer-reviewed APA journals.

PsycINFO

Features 1,400 titles on psychology and related fields.

Rand California

Contains data from RAND, the nation's leading think tank.

SCOPUS

Discover who cited particular authors and their papers.

Statistical Universe

Comprehensive access to statistical information

Wilson Education

Education articles from periodicals and yearbooks.