

Searching ERIC

Which version to use? _____

The ERIC database is available in three different versions, as well as in microfiche:

CSA (Cambridge Scientific): From the library's homepage, click on "A-Z Site Index." Scroll down to "ERIC (education periodicals and reports index)." Articles are up-to-date and added monthly.

ERIC (EBSCO): From the library's homepage, click on the "Research" tab and choose "Resources by Subject." Choose "Education," and click on the "ERIC (EBSCO) link.

ERIC (<http://www.eric.ed.gov>): Available free to anyone with Internet access. Citations to ERIC Journal (EJ) articles from 1966 through the present and ERIC Documents (ED) from 1966-1993. Full-text availability of ERIC Documents (ED) from 1993 through the present. New materials will be continually added.

ERIC Microfiche: Available on the 2nd floor of the library, you'll need to use microfiche if you are looking for old (pre-1993) ERIC Documents (ED records).

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A screen displays and will allow you to type in a word (kindergarten) or phrase (early childhood education) and determine in which fields you want to search them (all fields, subject, title, author etc.).

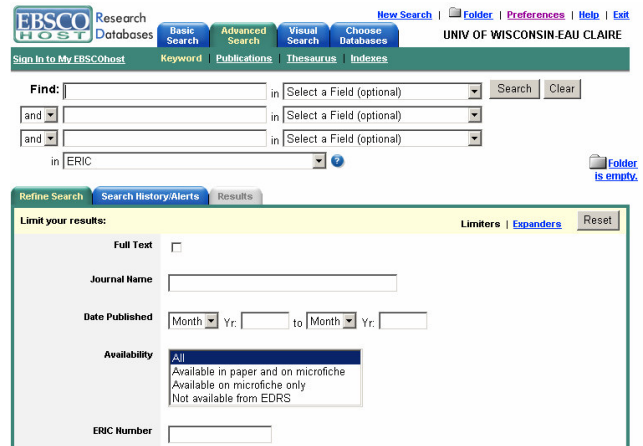
Enter your search terms and combine them using Boolean operators

TIP: Most effective searches use ERIC descriptors

- Click on the "Thesaurus" button to determine best the descriptors for your topic.
- Use Boolean operators (or, and, not) to combine the concepts of your search.



- *TIP:* Use the "or" operator to cause synonyms to search together (e.g. kindergarten or preschool education) Use the "and" operator to cause two different concepts to be searched (e.g. kindergarten and low income groups)

Search _____ ERIC (EBSCO) Search Screen:




Search Results _____



- Click on the title for an abstract
- Click on  HTML Full Text,  PDF Full Text or "Full Text from ERIC."



- If there is no link to full-text, click on the  button to see if it is available in other McIntyre Library print or online resources.
- If it is not available through any of the above methods AND the item has an ED number, it may be available in the library's microfiche collection. Note the number, and go to the Periodical Department on the 2nd floor.

Saving the article _____

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- You may save the file to your personal H: drive space or to a floppy disk.