

Guide to library resources:

Education



ECU Library

This guide will help you when you need to find ...

- **Items from a reading list**
 - Identifying parts of a book or journal article citation
 - Check the Reserve Collection
 - Check the Library Catalogue
 - Use the “Find a Specific Journal Reference” article locator

- **Encyclopaedias & dictionaries**
 - English language
 - Subject specific

- **Books on a topic**
 - Search the Catalogue by keyword
 - Use the Catalogue’s limit/sort function
 - Search the Catalogue by subject
 - Useful subject terms for Education
 - Useful call numbers for Education

- **Journal articles & other data on a topic using**
 - What is a journal?
 - Why use a library database?
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 - Search the Library Catalogue by keyword
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- **Ways to keep up to date**

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- **Identifying parts of citation**
The function of a citation is to provide enough information so that the person reading a journal article or a book will be able to find the source material the author has quoted, summarized, or paraphrased.
See: the **ECU Referencing Guide** on how to cite references for your assignments
<http://www.ecu.edu.au/pr/redirect?url=http://www.ecu.edu.au/CLT/pdf/refguide.pdf>

Example of a book citation

Wiltz, N. (2009). *Developing and presenting a professional portfolio in early childhood education*. (2nd ed.). Boston, MA : Pearson.

Authors	Wiltz, N
Date of publication	2009
Book title	<i>Developing and presenting a professional portfolio in early childhood education</i>
Edition of the book	2 nd ed.
Place of publication	Boston, MA
Publisher	Pearson

Example of a journal article citation

Sokal, L., & Katz, H. (2008). Effects of technology and male teachers on boys' reading. *Australian Journal of Education*, 35(1), 81-94.

Author	Sokal, L., & Katz, H.
Date of publication	2008
Title of article	Effects of technology and male teachers on boys' reading.
Title of journal	<i>Australian Journal of Education</i>
Volume no.	35
Issue no.	1
Page nos.	81-94

- **Check the Reserve Collection**
 - a unit's essential readings are often listed in the Reserve Collection (print &/or online copies) at <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/loans/reserve.html>
 - search the Reserve Collection by **Unit Code** or by **Lecturer's Name**
 - books are available only for use in the library
- **Check the Library Catalogue** <http://library.ecu.edu.au>
 - does the library hold a specific book? search by author, title or author/title
 - does the library hold a specific journal? search by title or journal title
 - print & online [Electronic] versions are listed separately
e.g. *Australian Journal of Education*
<http://library.ecu.edu.au/search/?tAustralian+journal+of+education/taustralian+journal+of+education>

Book not at your campus or currently out on loan?

Use the **Request** button to place a hold (reservation) and the book will be delivered to your nominated campus within 3-8 days

Exception: 3-Day loan items

- no online requests (contact loans staff in person or phone request)
<http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/contacts/loans.html>
- no inter-campus delivery

- **Using Library One Search**

ECU Library offers Library One Search, a new unified discovery service using Summon from Serials Solutions. Through one simple search, it provides access to the digital and print, audio and video, and full text of single articles to entire e-journals in the ECU Library collection. Library One Search provides one search box for a researcher to enter any terms they want and quickly get credible results in one relevancy ranked-list.

For best results:

To search for phrases use double quotes (eg, "duty of care").

Refine your Search with the options on the left of the results screen. You can limit:

- *To items from scholarly publications (peer reviewed), or Limit to items with full text online.*
- *To Content Types or by Subject Terms. Click more options to exclude various Content Types or Subject Terms.*
- *To Publication Date or Library Location*

For a more specific search, eg, by author or title, use the Advanced Search link inside Library One Search

I need to ... find dictionaries and encyclopaedias

English language & bilingual dictionaries are shelved at **R423**

Oxford English Dictionary Online (OED) (2006).
<http://0-dictionary.oed.com.library.ecu.edu.au/>

Subject specific dictionaries & encyclopaedias

- subject dictionaries and encyclopaedias are usually shelved at their subject number in the Reference collection e.g. R370 for Education
 - use the keyword search option on the catalogue using the terms: e.g. **Education Dictionary**
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I need to ... find books on a topic

- search the Catalogue by keyword
- search the Catalogue by subject
- use the Catalogue's limit/sort function
- useful subject terms for Education
- useful Call Numbers for Education
- **Search the Catalogue by keyword**
 - the **keyword** search option is the quickest way to find books on a topic
 - keep your search simple (maximum of 3-4 words) eg "guided reading"
- **Use the catalogue's limit/sort function**

The **Limit/sort** button allows you to set your results list preferences:
e.g. display newest items first
display only videos

display only items shelved at a Joondalup campus
display only online items

- **Search the Catalogue by subject**

- subject terms used in the catalogue are based on terms listed in a thesaurus - it is expected that the user knows the correct thesaurus terminology
- one way of discovering which subject term to use is to find a relevant book through a keyword search, then use the subject terms in that record to link to similar items

Some things to note when doing a subject search:

- search results will only list items where subject terms match the one used
- subjects are spelt the American way e.g. organization
- some of the subject headings do not reflect current terminology e.g. “occupational training” instead of “vocational training”

- **Useful subject terms for Education**

Aboriginal Australian Education	Lesson Planning
Art Studies and Teaching	Mathematics Study and Teaching
Big Books	Middle Schools
Curriculum Evaluation	Music Instruction and Study
Early Childhood Education	Private Schools
Effective Teaching	Public Schools
English Language Study and Teaching	Science Study and Teaching
Geography Study and Teaching	Social Sciences Study and Teaching
History Study and Teaching	Technology Study and Teaching

- **Useful Call Numbers for Education**

Items on the same subject are shelved together at the same Call Number. Within a Call Number, items are then sorted alphabetically.

Browse the following numbers either at the shelves or online through the catalogue.

371.979915	Aboriginal Australians Education
372.21	Early Childhood Education
371.102	Effective Teaching
372.6 / 420.7	English Language Study and Teaching
372.89 / 907	History Study and Teaching
372.7/510.7	Mathematics Education Study and Teaching
373.236	Middle Schools
372.87/780.7	Music Instruction and Study
372.35/507	Science Study and Teaching
300.7/372.83	Social Sciences Study and Teaching

I need to ... find journal articles & other data

- what is a journal?
- why use a library database?
- relevant library databases in Education
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- **What is a journal?**

- journals are a good source of current information and are also called periodicals or serials
- journals are published at a regular interval e.g. weekly, monthly quarterly
- each journal issue is generally numbered e.g. volume 10, issue 9
- there are different “levels” of information” available through journals and they generally reflect the intended audience of the journal e.g.:
 - scholarly journals: publish research for academics & other researchers (includes peer-reviewed titles)
 - trade publications: publish current information for persons in the industry
 - magazines: publish current information to the general public.

Audio on different types of journals:

http://podcast.ecu.edu.au:16080//bloisom_resources/meta/lbiling/Types%20of%20journals.mp3)

- **Why use a library databases?**

- use a database to find journal articles
 - on your topic
 - written by a particular author
 - published in a particular journal title
- journal articles cited on the internet may need a subscription to be viewed
- databases provide easy access to resources held by the library
- checklist of differences in database coverage:

all pages of a journal issue searchable?	
set list of publications are covered?	
all articles available online?	
are there links to articles available at ECU library?	
fulltext or PDF version of the article?	
database is focused on a single subject/single subject	
type of articles indexed? Scholarly, magazine, newspaper	

- if the database you are searching does not display the fulltext of the article, remember to check the links which may lead to online & print copies held elsewhere in ECU

Databases relevant to Education

Education FullText (WilsonWeb)

Covers an international range of 750 journals, 450 of which are peer reviewed and includes 79 journals not in ERIC. Indexed from 1983, much full text from 1996.

ERIC PROQUEST and ERIC EBSCO

Both versions provide the most comprehensive education database, although with a US emphasis. ERIC starts at 1966 and indexes 650 education related journals (many full text) and thousands of ERIC documents. ERIC documents have an ED prefix and are held on microfiche at Mt. Lawley from 1980 to 2003. Eric Documents 1993 onwards may be accessed via ERIC + ED Documents.

ERIC + ED Documents

This includes the entire ERIC index database plus full text ERIC documents from 1993.

Proquest Education Journals

Contains more than 745 titles on education with nearly 600 in full text. Coverage includes

US, British and Australian titles.

Academic Research Library

Covers a broad range of subjects including arts, business, children, education, health, humanities and psychology. Coverage is from 1971. Much full text.

CBCA Education

This focuses on Canadian education journals. Coverage includes over 400 titles, many full text. Starts from 1970s.

A + Education (Australian Education Index)

This index covers Australian education journals, monographs, reports, theses and conference proceedings from 1978. Much full text.

APA – FT (APAIS – Full Text)

This useful general Australian database includes the humanities and social sciences. Dates from 1978 some full text from 1995 but coverage is increasing.

DELTA (Database on English Language Teaching for Adults in Australasia)

Contains over 5000 references. Indexes journal articles, book chapters, web sites, theses and research reports. From 1985 onwards.

PsycINFO

The most comprehensive database covering psychology and related areas. Coverage is from 1887 onwards and provides abstracts from journal articles, book chapters, reports and dissertations. A small number of full text articles are provided. International focus.

PsycARTICLES

This is a database of full text articles from 40 journals published by the American Psychological Association and allied organizations.

I need to ... find Education journals held by the Library

- **To view a list of journal titles in a subject**
keyword search:
Education periodicals
- **To find if the library holds a specific journal title**
search the Catalogue using the **title** or **journal title** option using the **title of the journal**

A sample of Education journals held

Art Education
Australian Journal of Early Childhood
Australian Journal of Education
Australian Journal of Educational Technology
Australian Research in Early Childhood Education
Child Education Plus
Classroom Focus
Critical Studies in Education
Harvard Educational Review
History Teaching
Instructor and Teacher
Journal of Early Childhood Literacy
Journal of Research in Childhood Education : JRCE
Oxford Review of Education
Primary and Middle Years Educator
School Matters

I need to ... find ways to easily keep up to date

- **Read newspapers & magazines**

Each campus subscribes to a selection of newspapers in print format. To view newspapers online, use **Factiva**. Alternatively, connect directly a newspaper's website.

- **Set up a database alerting service on your topic or favourite journals**

Most library databases (e.g. Proquest, Emerald, the ECU Library catalogue etc.), have the facility for users to set up an alert on a specific topic or journal title. You specify the frequency & duration of the alert and the database will notify you by email or an RSS feed whenever the database acquires new material matching your profile

See the FAQ on database alerting services http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/databases_alerts.html

- **Visit the new journals & new books display at the library**

New journals & new books are displayed at the library for a short length of time.

I need to ... find dissertations

- **ECU theses**

- Print copies are held at the home campus of the ECU student while microfiche versions are available on all other campuses at the following Call Numbers:
 - 378.242 Honours (only specially nominated theses)
 - 378.243 Masters
 - 378.244 PhDs
 - 378.245 Doctorate (by coursework)
- Recently published theses may also be available online through the Australasian Digital Theses (ADT) <http://adt.caul.edu.au/>

To find ECU theses through the ECU library catalogue

- Use the library catalogue <http://library.ecu.edu.au/>
 - **keyword search** the terms *Edith Cowan University business dissertation*

- **Theses from other universities**

ProQuest Dissertations and Theses

This database is an index of over 930,000 Masters and PhD. theses from universities around the world. Most theses should be available in fulltext. If searching this database through Proquest 5000, click on the Dissertations results tab to view items found.

Australasian Digital Theses (ADT) Program <http://adt.caul.edu.au/>

ECU is a participant of a new national collaborative distributed database of digitised theses of PhD and Masters by Research. Some ECU theses have been digitised and included since 2006.

Links to Relevant Websites

Find websites <http://www.ecu.edu.au/library/findwebsites/index.html>