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Off Campus Log-in Information

To access the library databases:

- Check your course syllabus, the library (920.565.1238) or Blackboard for the username and password. In Blackboard, once logged in, the username and password will be on the left hand column under *Library Access*.
- Go to the library web page: Lakeland.edu/library
- Click *Databases Find Articles*.
- Click on the database you wish to use.
- Enter the username and password.

Finding Journals/Magazine Articles

Use the library's databases to research your thesis topic in-depth. Find education-related articles in the library databases below.

You can limit your search results to full text articles. Check the *Full Text* limiter box as show below in EBSCOhost:

EBSCOhost's databases focused on education:

- *Academic Search Premier*
- Educational Research Complete (articles & books).
- *Educational Administration Abstracts* (No full-text)
- *ERIC*
- *Professional Development Collection* (Educational reports and articles)
- *Mental Measurements Yearbook with Tests in Print* (A comprehensive guide to over 2,000 contemporary testing instruments)

ProQuest:

- *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses*
- *ProQuest Psychology Journals*
- *ProQuest Research Library*
- *ProQuest PsycARTICLES* (all full-text)
- *ProQuest PsycINFO* (no full-text)
- *PsycTESTS* (full text and multimedia of psychological tests from the early 1900s to the present).

Sage

- Scholarly journals from Sage Publications
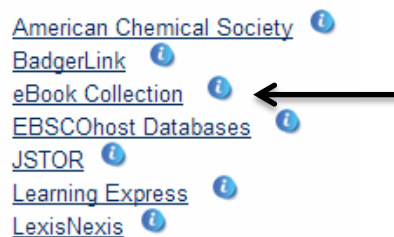
Lakeland Education Theses

Lakeland's John Esch library has a number of education theses available for in-house use. Ask a librarian for assistance.

Finding Books

Research for a thesis requires finding a great number of scholarly books. You have a few options:

EBSCO eBook Collection:
This collection includes thousands of education related titles. Go to http://www.lakeland.edu/library; then click on *Databases: Find Articles*, then click on *eBook Collection*.

EasiCat

EasiCat is the catalog for the Eastern Shores Library System, of which Lakeland is a member. Area residents and Lakeland students with a Lakeland library card may use EasiCat.

WorldCat

WorldCat is the world's largest library catalog. If you find an item, you can fill out an interlibrary loan request (see below). Books requested through ILL are available for pick up at the John Esch Library on the Sheboygan campus.

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Interlibrary Loan Request

Can't find the book or article you need? Perhaps, you've found a citation or abstract but can't access the full text article. Use the library's interlibrary loan services. Library staff will contact libraries throughout the country to request a copy for you.

To complete a form go to the library homepage: Lakeland.edu/library. Under services, click on *Inter-library loan*. Articles available in the Lakeland Library usually will be sent by the next day. Articles from other libraries vary in delivery time from a couple days to two weeks. Please plan accordingly.

Articles can be delivered via email; books must be picked up and returned at the John Esch Library on the Sheboygan campus. You will be notified of their arrival.

Dissertations Online

These sites have full text copies of dissertations available free of charge. Theses online are often referred to as ETD's or Electronic Dissertations.
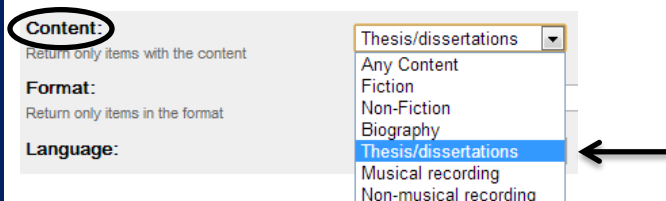
PQDT Open

PQDT Open provides the full text of open access dissertations and theses free of charge.

http://pqdtopen.proquest.com/

OAIster

OAIster is a union catalog of millions of records representing open access resources. Click on the *Advanced Search* link on the homepage.

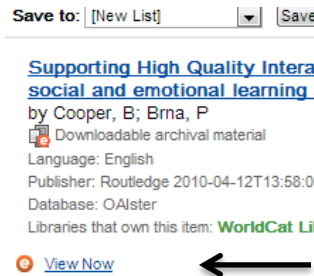On the next page, you can limit the search to dissertations, under the *Content* heading:

After you enter your search, look for the *View Now* icon as shown below.

http://oaister.worldcat.org/

NDLTD

Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations contains more than one million records of electronic theses and dissertations. Many are full-text.

http://www.ndltd.org/serviceproviders/scirus-etd-search

Open Access Theses and Dissertations

OATD aims to be the best possible resource for finding open access graduate theses and dissertations published around the world.

http://oatd.org/

Education Statistics

The following sites provide national educational statistics:

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

The primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education.

http://nces.ed.gov/

The Condition of Education

This site summarizes important developments and trends in education using the latest available data.

http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/

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Education Statistics Cont'd.

Digest of Education Statistics

This site provides a compilation of statistical information covering the broad field of American education from prekindergarten through graduate school.

http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/

WISEdash

Where you can compare and explore statistics about Wisconsin public schools

http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/portalHome.jsp

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

"NAEP is mandated by Congress . . . to provide objective data about student performance at national, regional, and, on a trial basis, state levels."

http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/

U.S. Dept. of Education: Research and Statistics

Useful for education facts, recent research reports, research based best practices, and school district demographics.

http://www.ed.gov/rschstat/landing.jhtml?src=rt

ChildStats.gov

Includes reports and sites with Federal and State data on children and families.

http://www.childstats.gov/forum/

Kids Count Census Data Online

The "Premier source for data on child and family well-being in the United States."

http://datacenter.kidscount.org/

Education Statistics Cont'd.

United States Census Bureau-Educational Attainment

"Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education that an individual has completed."

http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/

120 Years of American Education

A statistical portrait of the last 120 years of American education.

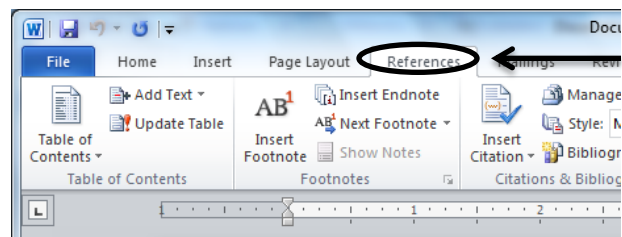http://nces.ed.gov/pubs93/93442.pdf

Citations Tools

Microsoft Word References

Use the *references* tab in Microsoft Word to keep track of all of your references. You will need to input the reference data, but once supplied, it can easily be cited within the paper in your preferred format.

http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/word-help/create-a-bibliography-HA010368774.aspx?CTT=1

ZOTERO

Zotero [zoh-TAIR-oh] is a free, easy-to-use tool to help you collect, organize, cite, and share your research sources. It will revolutionize your research workflow and save you potentially 100's of hours. It has won numerous educational technology awards.

http://www.zotero.org/

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Citations Styles

Be sure to double-check your citations. These websites will help:

APA Style

http://www.apastyle.org/

OWL

The Purdue Online Writing Lab has a number of helpful style guides and grammar resources.

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/

Need Library Help?

For additional assistance contact the John Esch library at (920) 565-1238 or email Joseph Pirillo at pirillojm@lakeland.edu.