# Online Resources for CN 728 Psychometrics & Assessment

## Getting Started

Try to locate an existing test. Using existing measurement tools when possible is preferable because:

- Your results can be compared to other studies thus increasing reliability and validity of your study.
- The creation of a new test is time consuming, requires expertise you may not have and the gathering of test subjects and often results in additional expense.

The American Psychological Association's document titled "Finding Information about Psychological Tests" http://www.apa.org/science/programs/testing/find-tests.aspx is very helpful. Here are some of the resources they mention:

- *Mental Measurements Yearbook* Online subscription available through Lakeland Library)
- *Tests in Print, available online as part of Mental Measurements, but also available in book format in some libraries. Not in Lakeland Library.*
- *Tests: a comprehensive reference for assessments in psychology, education and business,* edited by Taddy Maddox. Not in Lakeland Library. Check larger public libraries and area college libraries.

Another resource is **Comprehensive Handbook of Psychological Assessment** (2004) available in Lakeland's John Esch Library. Contact Teresa Grimm (grimmtm@lakeland.edu) to access.

## Websites of Interest

**Association for Assessment in Counseling & Education** (includes some test reviews)
www.theaaceonline.com/resources.htm

**Association for Test Publishers**
www.testpublishers.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=55

**Buros Center for Testing: Test Reviews Online**
www.unl.edu/buros/index.html

**ETS Test Link**
http://1340.sydneyplus.com/ETS_Test_Collection/Portal.aspx

## Off-Campus Login Information

To access the library databases:

- Check your course syllabus or *Library Resources* in Blackboard for the username and password.
- Go to the library web page. (www.lakeland.edu/library)
- Click **Databases Find Articles** button.
- Select the database you wish to search.
- Enter the user name and password.

## Lakeland Online Test Resources

***Mental Measurements Yearbook with Tests in Print***
Available through EBSCOhost databases. Includes test author, publication date, publisher information, test purpose, price, acronym, intended population, time to administer and reviews for many of the tests. For the tests that are reviewed, references are included which can lead to additional information.

***PsycTESTS*** is available through ProQuest. This research database provides access to psychological tests, measures, scales, surveys, and other assessments as well as descriptive information about the test and its development and administration. Most content is for non-commercial tests.

## Finding Journal/Magazine Articles

Access complete articles at no cost! Magazine articles, scholarly journals, and news articles are all a click away. Lakeland Library databases with articles on counseling include:

**EBSCOhost databases**
- Academic Search Premier
- Education Research Complete
- ERIC
- Health Source-Nursing/Academic Edition
- Professional Development Collection

**JSTOR**
- Scholarly articles usually 3 years or older.

**ProQuest**
- ProQuest Psychology Journals
- PsycARTICLES
- PsycINFO (no full-text)

**SAGE Journals Online**
- Scholarly journals from Sage publications.

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## Search Suggestions

When searching for articles on testing, try including keywords such at methodology, interview, survey, assessment, inventory, measure, measurement, post-test, pre-test, questionnaire, rating, scale, sub-test, survey, test or tool.

Identify the subject headings used in the database you are searching by using the database's thesaurus if one is available. Subject headings are terms used consistently by a database company to identify the main focus of an article; thus, using subject headings helps you retrieve more relevant results. You can also determine subject headings by looking at the records of a couple of your search results that seem to be relevant to your topic.

## Finding Referenced Articles

Have you found a citation for an interesting article on the reference page of another article or in your textbook that you would like to locate? Give our *E Journal List A-Z* a try. Enter the name of the journal in which the cited article appeared and our *E Journal List* will tell you if that article can be found in one of Lakeland's databases.

## Inter-library Loan

You found the perfect article, but it is not available online? Don't despair! Give the library's interlibrary loan services a try. Fill out the interlibrary loan request form. (Lakeland.edu/Request)

We will request the article from another library. Available articles typically arrive within 3 business days with some taking two weeks.

## Locating Information on Conditions

Center for Disease Control (cdc.gov)

Badgerlink (library database)
- Consumer Health
- Encyclopedia Britannica

Healthfinder.gov

Mentalhealth.gov

Medline Plus http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/

## APA Style

If you've never used APA style before when writing a paper or it's been a while, you may find the following tutorials helpful.

The Basics of APA Style (about 20 minutes)
http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx

What's New in the 6th Edition (about 15 minutes)
http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/brief-guide.aspx

## Citing

Be sure to cite your sources properly. Need help? Try these websites for examples:

APA Style http://www.apastyle.org/

OWL (Purdue University's Online Writing Lab)
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/

The Writing Center, UW-Madison http://writing.wisc.edu/

VANGUARD University Psychology Dept. APA Style Guide http://psychology.vanguard.edu/faculty/douglas-degelman/apa-style/

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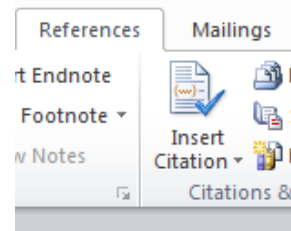


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Access the article. To retrieve the citation, click on



### Using Microsoft Word 2007 or 2010 to type your paper?

Click on *References* and select *Insert Citation*.



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