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1. Off campus access to databases. You can get the list of Hunter databases from <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases>. To get into a database from off campus simply click on the name of the database. You'll then be prompted for your Hunter email user name and password. For more information about Hunter email see <https://cfml.hunter.cuny.edu/emaillook>.

2. Useful encyclopedias (both are on the fourth floor):

a. *The Concise Encyclopedia of Special Education*, Second Edition. Ref LC4007 .E53 2002

b. *The Encyclopedia of Education*, Second Edition. Ref LB15 .E47 2003

c. *The Encyclopedia of Special Education* LC4007 .E53 2007

3. Scholarly (refereed or peer reviewed) journals.

4. Databases that we'll be looking at. (All databases are available at <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases>.)

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO): indexes scholarly and popular literature; has a good deal of scholarly education material; mostly full text.

ERIC (EBSCO): indexes scholarly and professional literature in education as well as ERIC documents; has some full text.

PsycInfo (EBSCO): indexes scholarly and professional literature in psychology, including many topics relevant to education and learning; has some full text.

5. Relevant medical databases

CINAHL (EBSCO): For nursing and allied fields

Health Source (EBSCO): For non-specialists

Health Reference Center: For non-specialists

Medline (EBSCO): Leading medical database

6. [ERIC - Education](#) (EBSCO)


7. Topics and keyword searches. Once you have your topic you need to figure out how to enter your search in the database. Try to identify the keywords in the examples below.

a. *Educational settings: What are the chief reasons offered in favor of mainstreaming as opposed to residential education?*

b. *Which reading strategy works better for the deaf and hard of hearing, top-down or bottom up?*

c. *What are the benefits of assistive devices? What are the costs?*

8. Using the thesaurus: Identifying appropriate search terms in ERIC (or Psycinfo): Good databases have indexers who apply subject terms or phrases (descriptors) to each article from an established list. The thesaurus can help you find the correct subject term and thus lead you to more relevant results.

9. First choose  from the menu towards the top of your screen.

10. Suppose you want to know which term(s) ERIC uses for *assistive devices*. Type the phrase in the **Browse for** box.


11. ERIC stopped using this expression in 2004. It now uses *assistive technology*. Note: Since 2004 *assistive technology* has also been the thesaurus term for *cochlear implants* and *hearing aids*.

12. Searching in ERIC. Choose **Keyword** from the green menu above



13. Limiting to journal articles. Beneath your search box ERIC enables you to limit your results to journal articles. Beside **Journal or Document** choose **Journal Articles**. This will eliminate ERIC documents from your results.

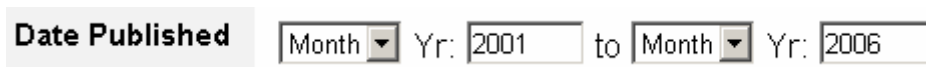


14. . Where citations don't link to the full text, they will feature this link. If Hunter has full text access to the article cited, **Find it!** will take you to it. If Hunter doesn't subscribe to the full text, **Find it!** will check CUNY+ (Hunter's catalog) for you. (See below for complete information on how to search CUNY+ for journal articles.)

15. Sorting by relevance. By default ERIC sorts, or lists, results by date. You can alter this by choosing **Relevance** from the drop down in the upper right hand corner of your citation list.

16. Other limits: ERIC also enables you to limit by level of education or by publication type, among others:


17. Limiting by date. Beneath the search boxes you can specify the dates that you want to limit to.



18. Working with folders. You can put citations aside to read, print, or email later by clicking on the folder to their right.

[THE GOD DELUSION](#). Kirkus Reviews, 8/1/2006, Vol. 74 Issue 15, p764-764, 1/3p; (AN 21881162)
[HTML Full Text](#)  [Browse this journal issue from Lexis-Nexis](#)



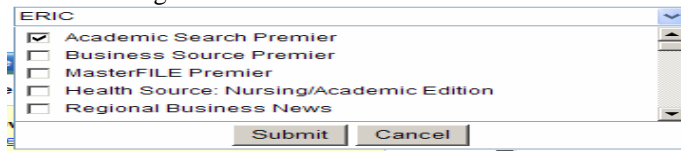
19. To look at the contents of your folder click on  **Folder has items.** just above your list of citations.

20. Saving citations in End Note and Ref Works:

- a. Select at least one article.
- b. Click on **Export** (right side of the screen).
- c. Choose either End Note or Ref Works.

21. Saving your folder items for later. Click on **Sign in**. You'll be asked to set up an account. Once you do, you'll be able to look at the items in your folder anytime, anywhere.

22. Combining ERIC with other EBSCO databases. Choose the drop down just below the search box.



23. Tracking down electronic journals. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu>, click on **Electronic Journals** on the left side of your screen. Type in the name of the magazine or journal you're seeking. If Hunter owns it electronically, you will find information about holdings and links to the full text. In the box below type *journal of visual impairment and blindness*.

24. Finding articles not available electronically. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> (the Hunter Library Homepage) choose **CUNY+**.

25. Enter the journal title, *journal of teacher education*, in the search box, selecting **Title begins with . . .**

Select search type: Search for:

26. Click on **Hunter-Main** to get information about dates that Hunter has and where the journal is kept.

27. Finding Books. Getting in to the catalog (CUNY+): Go to <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> and choose **CUNY+ (Catalog)**. Suppose you're interested in finding recent books on deaf education. In the keyword (top) box type *deaf* and educat**. (Note: it's generally a good idea to phrase your search more broadly when looking for books as against articles.)

28. Requesting books from other CUNY libraries:

29. To the left of the call number choose **Request**.

30. Asking reference questions remotely. Hunter belongs to a 24/7 consortium for reference questions. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> click on Ask a Librarian (bottom left of screen).

31. Interlibrary Loan. Please note that if Hunter doesn't own the journal or the issue that you're seeking you can order it on interlibrary loan. You can do it online at http://146.95.94.18/ill/ill_req.php.