Academic Search Ultimate is a general purpose database that contains scholarly literature from a variety of sources and disciplines. Because it covers a wide range of disciplines, it is a very good resource for first-year students, or a place to begin before switching to a discipline-specific database for greater depth.

To learn more and to access Academic Search Ultimate, please visit libguides.asu.edu/aspebscohost.

Getting started

You want to find peer-reviewed research articles on the topic of trauma-informed practices in schools. Prepare to search by generating keywords and breaking down your topic into the concepts you want in the search results.

For example:

Concept 1: trauma-informed is a type of practice.

Concept 2: teaching or learning or classrooms are places to apply trauma-informed practices.

A note about the power of and, or in searches:

Use and between your concepts to narrow search results to items with both concepts.

Use or between keywords to broaden the search to include related keywords for a single concept.
Tip 1
Searching

Enter keywords from your research topic. Use keywords that are central to your topic or argument. Academic Search Ultimate may also offer suggestions when you type in the search fields.

For example, if you are researching trauma-informed practices in education, you could enter the following keywords:

trauma-informed
AND teaching or learning or classroom

Tip 2
Limiting results

Sometimes narrowing search results is necessary to meet the needs of an assignment. Below are some of the limits you can use to narrow search results in Academic Search Ultimate; these can be found on the left-side filtering menu, next to your initial search results.

Limiting search results will reduce the total number of results. If you had too few results in your initial search, you may want to try searching with different keywords.

Remember to reset filters before conducting a new search!
Tip 3
Evaluating results

First read the abstract to determine if the topic, variables studied or type of study meets your needs.

Use the Title, Abstract and Subjects to find additional keywords. Make note of them and try to use them as keywords in future searches to find more, and better, sources.

Tip 4
Accessing and managing results

The full text may be available in:
- Academic Search Ultimate
- another research database
- by request, through interlibrary loan

Requesting is free for ASU students.

You can save articles to your Google Drive or EBSCO folder.

You can generate a citation in the style of your choosing for the bibliography.

Get a permalink to the record so you can get back to it.