LibrarySearch databases for Education

LibrarySearch:  http://libsearch.canterbury.ac.uk

1. Main search box

Use the main search box in LibrarySearch to discover resources in the CCCU campus libraries and to access subscribed e-books and online journals.

Log In with your CCCU username and password and use this search box to find books and full-text educational journal articles from all different collections, publishers and suppliers at once. Use the filters in the right-hand panel to refine your search results. Click on View Content to link out of LibrarySearch to the full-text journal article on a publisher’s site, which you can save/print:

2. Databases in LibrarySearch

The library also subscribes to many individual databases, which you can search separately. These are useful to find more journal references, or more subject-specific references, or different types of resources.

From the LibrarySearch homepage select Find Databases. Use the A-Z list to find the database you want, then click on the name to open it a new window:

Find Databases A - Z

The databases most relevant for education are described below, divided into categories:

a) E-book collections

Note that you can also find all these e-books using main LibrarySearch search box above.

- Dawsonera: e-books on every subject, reflecting key texts on course reading lists. Select option to either Read Online (which gives print/copy options) or to Download the e-book for 1 or 2 days.

- Taylor and Francis Education e-books: Carefully selected collection of over 200 e-books about education and teaching (tick the box “Show content I have access to”).
b) Full-text journal databases
Use these journal databases if you just want to search one publisher/supplier’s journals, rather than searching across all at once (which is what the main LibrarySearch search box is for). Most databases give you the option to search all their journals, or to restrict to just those that CCCU subscribes to (i.e. the full-text articles that you can read).

- **JSTOR**: Archive of core scholarly journals including about 50 education journals, some dating back to 1900.

- **SAGE Journals**: Journals covering all subject areas, including about 80 education-related.

- **ScienceDirect**: Contains about 12 Education journals, more science/health/business focussed. Note you may be prompted to Register the first time that you use this.

- **Taylor and Francis Online Journals**: Journals published by Taylor and Francis/Routledge, which is a major publisher for education.

- **Wiley Online Library**: Lots of education journals (and other subjects).

- **Directory of Open Access Journals**: Online directory that indexes and provides access to quality open access, peer-reviewed (free) journals. There are currently about 17 classified as “Education” journals.

- **Periodicals Archive Online**: Major archive of humanities and social sciences journals including a few historic education journals (most recent volumes are 1995)

c) Indexing databases (education)
These comprehensive databases index educational journals and literature. Use them for wider literature searches. Search results will link to full-text articles if the library holds a subscription (this is more likely for BEI than the others). You could request articles via the Document Delivery service if you cannot access them online.

- **British Education Index**: Key database indexing over 200,000 records covering all areas of education from preschool to higher education from UK published journals (with some international literature), from 1975 onwards.

- **Australian Education Index (ProQuest)**: Australia’s largest source of education information containing research documents relating to trends, policy and practice, 1977 to current day.

- **ERIC**: (Educational Resources Information Center) The largest education database in the world sponsored by US Department of Education. It contains over 1.5 million records of journal articles, research reports, curriculum and teaching guides, conference papers, theses and books.

- **Child Development and Adolescent Studies**: Source for references to the current and historical literature related to growth and development of children. Includes book reviews and abstracts from hundreds of journals, reports and theses.

- **Education Abstracts (H.W. Wilson)**: Provides index and abstracts for over 680 periodicals and yearbooks (1983 onwards), and books (1995 onwards), on a wide range of educational subjects.
- **Educational Administration Abstracts**: Research database includes over 199,000 bibliographic records covering areas related to educational administration, leadership, management and research from 1966 onwards.

- **Teacher Reference Center**: Provides indexing and abstracts for over 270 teacher and administrator journals and magazines.

d) **Indexing databases (general)**
These indexing databases include references from education, social sciences and wider research.

- **ASSIA**: (Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts) Indexes 500+ journals covering health, social services, psychology, sociology, economics, politics, race relations and education – with some full-text.

- **Web of Science**: Large multi-disciplinary database includes 160+ education journals – with some full-text. Displays “times cited” for each reference.

- **ZETOC**: Produced by the British Library, this database contains 20,000 journals and 16,000 conference proceedings on all subjects.

e) **Subject/curriculum specific databases**
These are some of the databases that are useful to search for curriculum-subject information.

- **Art Full Text**: Articles and abstracts on topics including fine, decorative and commercial art, photography, film and architecture.

- **Association for Science Education**: *Campus only* Access to the current issue and archives of these teaching science journals online: School Science Review; Primary Science; Education in Science; Science Teacher Education; Journal of Emergent Science; plus Resources and News sections.

- **Business Source Premier**: A full-text business database covering management, economics, finance, accounting, international business – good for educational leadership and management issues.

- **Drama Online**: Play scripts, filmed performances to watch and critical analysis.

- **Emerald Management e-journals**: Focussed on management-research, includes some education full-text journals.

- **Grove Art Online**: Art images, essays, biographies, timelines and art dictionary.

- **Grove Music Online**: Over 60,000 articles by music scholars plus biographies, timelines and music dictionary.

- **PsycINFO**: Articles covering psychology and related disciplines, useful for behaviour, child/educational psychology, counselling etc. Select the database PsycARTICLES Full Text to search only CCCU subscribed journals from this collection.

- **Social Policy and Practice**: Evidence-based social science research for social services, contains over 320,000 articles, reports and surveys.
- **SPORTDiscus with Full Text**: Comprehensive, bibliographic coverage of sport, fitness and related disciplines from 1800, useful for Physical Education. Option to limit to full-text journals.

f) **Practical databases for teachers**
These databases contain useful practitioner journals for teachers/child educators, i.e. magazines rather than peer-reviewed academic journals.

- **Intered**: Access to 8 journals including *Early Years Educator* and *Nursery World*.
- **Teaching Times**: *Campus only* Access to 6 key teaching publications, plus a Knowledge Bank of articles and Education Zones containing news and articles for the professional learning community.

g) **Reference and newspapers**

- **ChildLink**: Updated daily, provides information on legislation, policies and practices related to children and young people in UK and Ireland.
- **Encyclopedia Britannica**: Comprehensive respected reference-work, includes Biographies, Timelines and World Data sections.
- **ESDS International**: The UK Data Service that provides access to surveys and series, including Census data.
- **ETHOS**: Access to UK HE Theses with full-text where permitted, registration is required to download theses.
- **Gale Newsvault**: Includes British Library newspapers 1800-1900, Times Digital Archive (1785-2011) and other full-text historical newspaper collections.
- **LexisLibrary Newspapers UK**: Read and search UK national/broadsheet/regional newspapers from past 20 years.
- **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography**: Search/browse over 59,000 biographies of people connected with Britain, plus search by theme and view portraits.
- **Oxford English Dictionary**: The accepted authority on the English language with the meaning, history, and pronunciation of 600,000 English words.

h) **Media and images**

- **Britannica ImageQuest**: Over 3 million images curriculum-relevant imagery and clip art materials, all rights-cleared for educational, non-commercial use. Use in presentations, projects and teaching.
- **Kanopy**: A video streaming service with over 30,000 documentaries and films. Select Browse then Education to watch over 300 relevant videos. Save, share and create clips.
- **MediaPlus**: A searchable multimedia platform offering over 100,000 videos, images and sound recordings licensed for educational and research use.
- **Teachers TV from Education in Video**: part of MediaPlus, providing access to 3,530 instructional videos produced in 2008 by Department of Education to train and develop teachers' skills through demonstrations and commentary by teachers and experts.

- **TRILT**: (TV & Radio Index for Learning and Teaching) provides Listings for more than 475 TV and radio channels with data from 1995 onwards.

**i) Bibliographic and research tools**

- **Bookdata online**: *Campus only* A comprehensive database of book information

- **Cite them right**: Online/web version of this key referencing guide showing how to reference a range of different sources using different referencing styles (including Harvard).

- **InCites benchmarking and analytics**: A citation-based evaluation tool used to analyse institutional and individual productivity.

- **Journal Citation Reports (InCites)**: Select Categories: *Education* to view top journals in the field by impact factor and total cites.

- **JournalTOCs**: A large free collection of scholarly journal Tables of Contents (TOCs): 19,287 journals (including 4,038 selected Open Access journals) from 1088 publishers, with some full-text links. Register to get new journal issue contents pages emailed to you.

- **Refworks (new version)**: A web-based bibliography and database manager that allows you to import references from online databases; organise into folders; and automatically create bibliographies (select Harvard format). Plus you can share folders with others. Register the first time you use this.

- **Research Professional**: *Campus only* Provides information on funding opportunities, sponsors and news. Select "Apply for a personal account" to set up e-mail alerts, your username and password will be emailed to your University email address.

- **Sage Research Methods**: Books, videos and information on all aspects of research including concepts, ethics, methodology, planning, design, data collection and analysis, writing and dissemination. Search by topic, discipline or content type.

- **Skills4Study Campus**: Interactive modules to help university students develop study skills organised into modules, including Critical thinking skills; Referencing; Projects, dissertations and reports.

**Further help and advice**

Find selected database guides at: [http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/library/guides/guides.aspx](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/library/guides/guides.aspx)

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