

# Guide to the Academic Search Elite

## What is Academic Search Elite?

This database offers articles from publications in nearly every area of academic study including: social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more. Many of the articles provide the full-text in HTML or PDF format. Users may limit search to peer-reviewed / scholarly publications.

## Why would I use it?

- Search this database to identify literature on your topic
- Use it to find scholarly journal articles
  - Research articles (studies that have been done – will include purpose of study, research methodology, data collected, conclusions drawn)
  - Clinical / Best Practices articles
  - Literature Reviews (describes all of the studies and research done on a particular topic)
- Keep in mind that Academic Search Elite will provide the full-text of only *some* of the articles. Use the SFX tool integrated into Academic Search Elite to track down the full-text of all the articles.

## How do I get to it?

As a CSUF student / faculty / staff you are eligible to use all of the library's electronic resources – of which Academic Search Elite is just one. You can access the Academic Search Elite database from campus or from home (or wherever you get online).

1. Start at the Pollak Library homepage: <http://library.fullerton.edu>
2. Mouse-over RESEARCH and click on FIND ARTICLES
3. You will be prompted to log into your portal
  - Username = campus-wide ID      password = pin number
4. This brings you to a subject breakdown of all of our databases – select NURSING
5. Now you should see a list of several databases that would be helpful in finding nursing-related literature. Click on Academic Search Elite
6. Once you are *authenticated*, follow the prompt to actually enter the database and see the opening search screen

## How can I use it effectively?

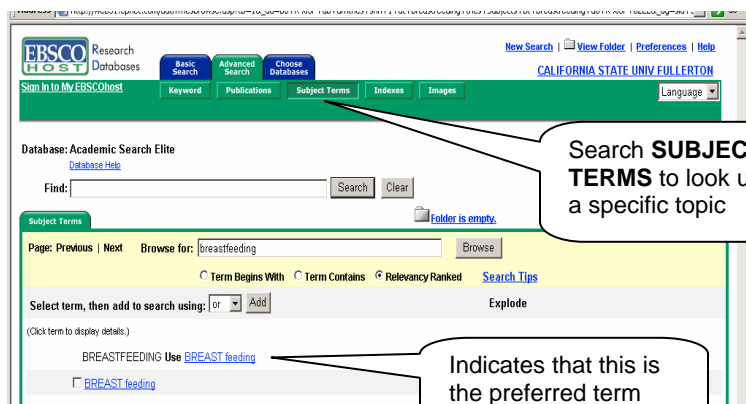
As with most literature databases, you can search for items on your topic in several ways:

### • SUBJECT SEARCH

A subject heading is the assigned term within a database for a particular topic. For example, in Academic Search Elite the term “*breast feeding*” is spelled as two words.

Each article in the database will have a set of subject terms that are assigned to describe the content of the article (i.e. a person actually reads through the article and determines that ‘*this article is primarily about x, y, & z*’). If you identify the appropriate subject heading for your topic, you are much more likely to pull up items that truly relate to your subject than if you run a keyword search.

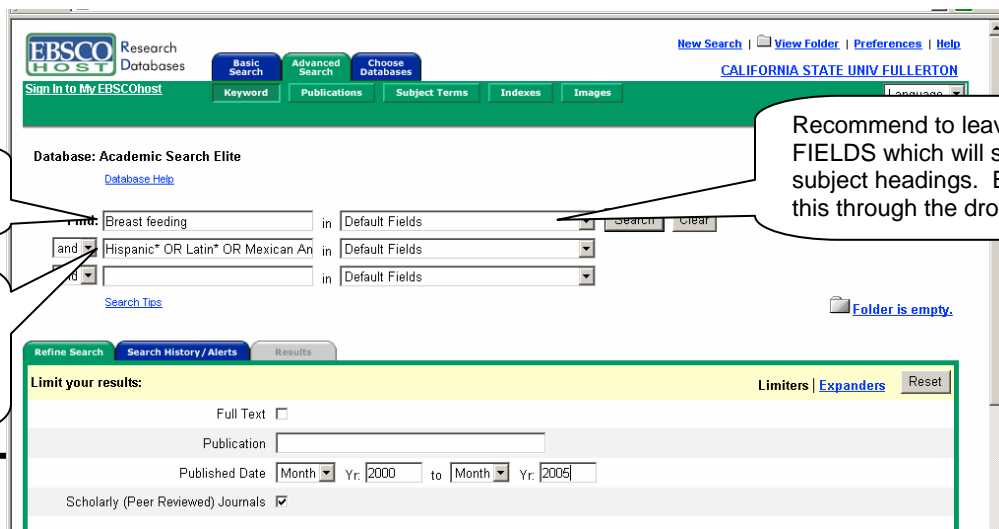
You can find out if there is an entire category/subject heading for your topic by browsing the **SUBJECT TERMS** section.



### • KEYWORD SEARCH

A keyword search is basically a “dumb text search” – you plug in specific terms and the database will pull back all the items that include that term somewhere in the record. For example, you might search “breast feeding” AND “Hispanics or Latin\* or Mexican Americans”. A keyword search will bring you back all the items that include these combination of terms.

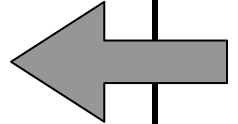
A keyword search can be really effective if you include several terms meaning the same thing – you can anticipate what terms the author might have used. This is where you can use BOOLEAN SEARCHING – use AND, OR, NOT to string terms together. For example, this search below tells the database to pull together all the items that have at least one term from the first row and at least one term/phrase from the second row:



## How can I limit my search?


On the Advanced Search screen just below your search terms you will see a number of options:

- **Publication Date**
  - You can plug in a range here for example, 2000 to 2005 for those items published within the last 5 years
- **Scholarly / Peer Reviewed**
  - This is where you can limit your search to only scholarly or peer-reviewed publications...select PEER REVIEWED



## How do I get the full article?

As you search Academic Search Elite, read the abstract / summary of any item that looks interesting to you. (Sometimes an abstract is not provided so you have to judge based upon the title and applied subject headings). If the item seems relevant and you want to obtain the full-text:

1. Look for the link to SFX  (sometimes identified as *Check for Full Text*). Click on this link to launch the SFX tool in a new window
2. A new window will open and let you know your options for obtaining the full-text of the item.
3. It may tell you that we have an electronic subscription to the journal and provide you with a direct link to it
4. It may tell you that the journal is available in the full-text in another database. If so, it will tell you the name of the database and provide a link to it. You may need to then run a search for the article title in that database to ultimately get to the full-text.
5. It may tell you that we do not have any subscription to the journal (Not Available). If not, you can request it through Interlibrary Loan (ILLiad) – just click on “More Options” to use ILLiad.

Format: Citation

Title: MRT and breast cancer: results of the Million Women Study

Editor(s): Rassool GH

Source: *Journal of Advanced Nursing* (J ADV NURS), 2004 Jun; 45(1): 107

Publication Type: journal article - brief item

Language: English

Major Subjects: [Dysplasia: Etiology](#), [Etiology](#), [Operational Research](#)

Minor Subjects: [Dysplasia: Etiology](#)

Journal Subject: Core Nursing, Nursing, Perioperative

Special Interest: Advanced Nursing Practice

ISSN: 0309-2402

MEDLINE Info: NLM Senior ID: J10680000

Publisher Info: URL: <http://www.cinahl.com>

Entry Date: 20040226

Accession Number: 2004040279

Persistent link to this record: <http://search.egnet.com/direct.asp?db=CINAHL&docid=2004040279>

Database: CINAHL

View Links: [Check for Full Text & More](#)

At the bottom of each record you should find a link to *Check for Full Text (SFX)* – click on this link

SFX Services for this record

Title: Evaluation of a lactation intervention program to encourage breastfeeding: a longitudinal study.

Source: *International journal of nursing studies* [0020-7489] yr:2004 vol:41 iss:4 pg:425

Availability

Full Text

Full text available via **Elsevier SD Pergamon**

Year: 2004 Volume: 41 Issue: 4 Start Page: 425 **GO**

More options

In this example, the full-text should be accessible in the database *Elsevier* – hit “GO” to access the article

SFX Services for this record

Title: Effect of a training program for maternity ward professionals

Source: *Birth* [0730-7659] yr:2004 vol:31 iss:4 pg:302

Availability

Not available at the Pollak Library

Click on "More options" below or **Ask A Librarian** **GO**

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We can get this for you via **ILLiad/Interlibrary loan**  
First-Time Users Click Here to register for ILLiad/ILL **GO**

In this example, we don't subscribe to the journal so click here to request via ILL