Occupational Therapy Research in the ACC Libraries

Finding Books

- Use a catalog keyword search for fastest results
- Our new catalog uses a fuzzy logic approach to searching – just type in **occupational therapy** and you should get most books associated with that topic. Note that the word *occupational* can have many meanings. Try typing in more specific words, too, if you need them, like **pediatric occupational therapy** or **hand occupational therapy**.
- Occupational therapy covers many body systems, so books on occupational therapy can be in many places in the library. The main call number area is **WB** (Practice of Medicine) but be sure to check the catalog for books in other areas.
- Use the filters on the left to get e-books, videos, or other specific formats.

Finding Articles

- Use either the A-Z List of Resources page or the subject list to get to the article databases
- The best databases to use for occupational therapy articles are:
  - **CINAHL Complete**
  - **HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition**
  - **Pubmed**
  - **Health Reference Center Academic**
  - **Academic Search Premier**
- Remember to truncate by using the asterisk (*) to get more results
- Look for limiting to full-text only, if that’s what you’re looking for
- Look for the words Cite, Citation Tools, Citation, Citing, etc. They can often provide you with an APA citation.
- Be aware of the differences between trade magazines and academic journals. Look for a way to limit between these types of publications. Academic journal articles are usually designated by the words: **academic journals, refereed, peer reviewed, scholarly**.

Finding Information on the Web

- Start at the ACC Library page for occupational therapy information: http://researchguides.austincc.edu/occupationaltherapy
- Pay attention to the difference in information found from different domains, (i.e., whether the page is from a .com, .org, or .gov website
- Do everything you can to find out who the authors of a page are and where they are coming from – what is their agenda, or their reason for putting this information online?
- Check to see if the page is current and if the information can be found in more than one place

Quiz: kahoot.it
FIND BOOKS and VIDEOS
Use this search box to find books and videos in the library. Start simple, and then add words to get more specific. Use limiters on the left to limit to date ranges, campuses, formats, etc.

LIVE CHAT / INSTANT MESSAGING
Need help while outside the library? Click this link for live online help during most regular library hours and even later.

FIND ARTICLES AND RESEARCH INFORMATION
If you want to search a specific database, try the link for A-Z List of All Resources and click Subject. From there you can look for databases in the Health & Medicine category, or choose a specific database from the alphabetical list. Remember, the primary database for occupational therapy information is CINAHL Complete. For additional full-text articles, see HealthSource: Nursing/Academic Edition, Health Reference Center – Academic, or Academic Search Premier. You can also use Pubmed to identify articles in our database AND in print on our shelves in the library.

REMEMBER!
If you want to access any of the electronic resources from home or off-campus, you will need to enter your ACCeID and password. This is the same login you use to access Blackboard. Only currently enrolled students have access to these databases.

How do you get to the library? Start here.