EBSCOhost Searches

From your portal, choose the EBSCOhost icon on the right hand side of the page. It looks like this:

To choose databases specific to your research, choose the first option (EBSCOhost Web).

On this page, each collection of resources has a name and a description. We almost always choose Academic Search Premier because it is our most comprehensive collection.

For example, you might use the following databases if you were searching for Medical, Nursing or Allied Health:

- CINAHL Plus
- Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition
- Medline
- PsychInfo
If your research paper is about Education, you might use *ERIC* as well as *Academic Search Premier*.

If your paper is about Psychology or Sociology you might add *PSYCHInfo* and the Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection.

**Click continue** when finished selecting your databases

![Database selection screen](image1.png)

**Type your keyword or keywords** into the search box and click “Search”

![Search screen](image2.png)
Here you can **limit your search** to both full text articles (that means you can read them right now and don’t have to wait for them) and peer-reviewed. Peer-reviewed articles are the scholarly/academic ones that your instructor requires.

This search will probably have far too many results for you to read so we can limit our search even more. We can use “**subject headings**.” Subject headings are the terms that EBSCOHost uses that mean the article **must be specifically about your topic**.

Scroll down on the left to the word **SUBJECT** and click on it. You may add as many of these terms as you want! The more you add, the smaller the results you will get and the more specific your articles will be.
**Citing Sources using EBSCOhost**

Once you have chosen an article you can use EBSCOhost to create the citation. Look at the **right side** of the screen and find the icons that look like this:

There are many things you can do from this screen including **Email**, **Print** and **Cite** your article.

To **Cite** your article, please choose Cite. You will get a screen that will allow you to choose your citation style. Here on at Merced College, we use either MLA or APA.

This will bring up a list of citations that you may use for your Bibliography. Scroll through for the one your instructor requires.

If you need more help citing your sources, please go to the APA or MLA link located on your portal under the Library tab or ask your reference librarian.