

English 125: Research Guide

The purpose of this document is to outline the available resources that Library Services provides to support students in English 125 (Avril Torrence) at Medicine Hat College. Please contact the library for further assistance.

SEARCH TERMS

Plan your search using major concepts and synonyms.

Example: *career*

- Related terms: vocational guidance, labour/labor market, job outlook, job market, employment/unemployment, employer, job seeker, occupational outlook, entrepreneurship, small business

Example: *visual arts*

- Related terms: fine arts, graphic arts, graphic design, industrial arts, commercial art, digital media, photography, illustration

Example: *marketing*

- Related terms: branding, advertising, communication in marketing, mass media, social media

Narrow your search by adding a second concept or combining concepts.

Example: social media AND small business
 graphic designer AND labour market

BOOKS AND AUDIOVISUALS

You can locate books, eBooks, and audiovisual items using the library catalogue search box on the library website: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/library>. Using your search terms, you will locate:

Books. Record the call number to locate the book in the library.

Example: *Career opportunities in the visual arts*. Med.Hat Circulating N 8350 C42 2006

eBooks. Accessible via the internet (including off-campus). Downloadable to a mobile device.

DVDs/Videos. Record the call number to locate the book in the AV collection.

Example: *Secrets: Landing and keeping a job*. Med.Hat Audio Visuals HF 5384 S42 2009

Streaming Media. Accessible via the internet (including off-campus).

ARTICLES

You can locate journal, magazine, and newspaper articles using databases. These resources cannot commonly be accessed using standard search engines such as Bing, Google, Yahoo, etc. Databases can be accessed here: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Resources/Databases>

Choose databases that best fit the subject of your research. Suggested subjects include:

General/Multidisciplinary databases cover a wide range of subjects/topics.

Academic Search Complete [EBSCO]

- This database indexes over 9,000 publications in a variety of disciplines and provides full text for over 5,500 of these publications.

OmniFile Full Text, Select Edition [H. W. Wilson]

- More than 1,600 titles are covered in this multidisciplinary database.

Career Information

Career Cruising

- The Career Cruising database is a career guidance and planning resource. Some of the tools include employment guides and 550+ career profiles.

Business/Management/Marketing

Business Source Complete [EBSCO]

- This database is the "definitive scholarly business database." This business database provides full text for more than 1,200 scholarly business journals.

First Research [Hoover's Inc.]

- This database contains industry profiles, including monthly statistics and quarterly trend updates for more than 900 industry segments. This database also provides monthly employment, business, and real estate trends in each of the Canadian provinces and US states.

Education

Education Research Complete [EBSCO]

- This database provides academic research and information related to "all levels of education from early childhood to higher education, and all educational specialties." Over 750 full-text journals included.

ERIC [EBSCO]

- This database indexes more than 1000 educational and education-related journals.

Fine Arts

Art Full Text

- This database indexes over 480 journals relating to the fine arts field.

WEBSITES

These websites and search engines are examples of quality internet resources. They are starting points to further research.

Google Scholar and Google Books: <http://scholar.google.ca> and <http://books.google.ca>

- Use (instead of Google) to find articles and books on your topic.

Working In Canada: <http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca/>

- Find wages, outlooks, and monthly information about Canada's Job Market to help individuals and organizations make informed decisions about work from this Government of Canada website.

Industry Canada: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/>

- Industry and business information from the Government of Canada, including information for small businesses.

Associations or organizations related to your field are also a good starting point. Examples: Alberta Teachers' Association, Society of Graphic Designers of Canada, etc.

CONTACT LIBRARY SERVICES

Library Services offers many points of assistance:

- In person (Information Desk)
- Telephone: 403-504-3544; Toll free: 1-866-282-8394 (ext. 3544)
- E-mail (reference@mhc.ab.ca)
- Instant Messenger (library website)
- Text Messaging: 403-866-5872
- Book An Appointment (library website)