

# EDUCATION RESEARCH GUIDE

## PURPOSE

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The purpose of this document is to outline the available resources that Library Services provides to support students in the University Transfer/Bachelor of Education program at Medicine Hat College. Please contact the library for further assistance.

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## ARTICLES

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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 are located at: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Resources/Databases.aspx>

Databases that you can employ specifically for your program include:

### [ERIC \(Educational Resource Information Center\)](#) [EBSCO]

- ERIC, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, is the premier source for education research and information. This database provides full text for more than 2,300 digests and citations from over 1000 educational and education-related journals.

### [Education Research Complete](#) [EBSCO]

- This database contains 750+ full-text academic journals, making it a great starting point for research in all levels of education.

### [CBCA Education](#) [ProQuest]

- CBCA Education contains Canadian content and includes 265+ full-text journals, magazines and newsletters that date back to the early 1980s.

### [Academic Search Complete](#) [EBSCO]

- This multidisciplinary database can be used for research on most topics, including education. It includes over 5,000 full-text journals.

You may also view the [complete list of education databases](#) or [databases in other subjects](#). Depending on your topic, databases in psychology, sociology, or health studies may be useful.

For an overview and search tips, go to:

[http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Resources/~media/Files/library\\_documents/how\\_to\\_guides/general\\_research\\_guides/database\\_tips.pdf](http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Resources/~media/Files/library_documents/how_to_guides/general_research_guides/database_tips.pdf)

## BOOKS & AUDIOVISUALS

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Search the library catalogue (<http://darius.uleth.ca/search~S2>) to find books and audiovisual resources on a topic.

Browse the library catalogue or shelves using these associated terms and call number ranges respectively:

- L 7-991 Education (General).
- [LA](#) 5-2396 History of education.
- [LB](#) 5-3640 Theory and practice of education.
  - [LB 1025.2](#) Teaching. (Principles and practice)
  - [LB 1050](#) Reading.
  - [LB 1139](#) [Early childhood education](#).
  - LB 1507-1542 [Primary education](#). (Grades 1-3)
  - LB 1555-1602 [Elementary education](#). (Grades 1-6)
  - LB 1607-1696 [Secondary education](#) (High school)
  - LB 2300-2430 [Higher education](#) (Colleges and universities)
- [LC](#) 8-6691 Special aspects of education
  - LC 189-214.53 Educational sociology
  - [LC 3965](#) [Special education](#). [Children with disabilities](#).
  - LC 4173.2 [Attention Deficit Disorder - Education](#)
- [PZ](#) Children's literature. (Including picture books)
- RJ 506 [Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder](#)

## CURRICULUM COLLECTION

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Located in the southwest corner of the library, the Curriculum Collection contains almost 3,000 resources that can be used for planning and teaching in the classroom. Items include textbooks, books on lesson planning, audiovisuals, objects like puppets and counters, activity kits, posters, early readers and books containing professional advice for new teachers. Items can be mailed to you during your out-of-town teaching practicum.

The Curriculum Collection is arranged by Dewey Decimal Classification in the following call number ranges:

- 000 General works
- 100 Philosophy and psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 [Social sciences](#)
- 400 Language (Language arts)
- 500 [Science](#) and [mathematics](#)
- 600 [Technology](#)
- 700 [Arts](#) and [recreation](#) (Including physical education)
- 800 Literature
- 900 [History](#), [geography](#), and [biography](#)

For best results, search the catalogue (<http://darius.uleth.ca/search~S2>) using the advanced keyword search and limit the *location* field to "Med. Hat Curriculum Collection"

## WEBSITES

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### *Alberta Education* (<http://education.alberta.ca/>)

- The website of the Government of Alberta's Education Department provides information for teachers, parents, and students, including programs of study, teaching resources, and career information.

### *Authorized Resources Database* (<http://education.alberta.ca/apps/lrdb/>)

- Part of Alberta Education, this webpage is a searchable database of resources that have been authorized for use in Alberta's classrooms.

### *Learn Alberta.ca* (<http://www.learnalberta.ca/>)

- This Alberta Ministry of Education website is designed to help teachers in Alberta use digital learning resources. Medicine Hat College Education students can obtain login information by contacting the library Information Desk.

### *The Alberta Teachers' Association* (<http://www.teachers.ab.ca>)

- This is the website of the professional teachers' association of Alberta. Education students can join as student members. This site provides information on working as a teacher in Alberta, news, publications and other resources.

### *Discovery Education Streaming Canada* (<http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/>)

- This database allows educators to view more than 40,000 clips from 5,000+ full length video programs. Customize and save content to classroom folders, build lesson plans and create quizzes. This website is only accessible to registered Education students at the Medicine Hat College. Contact the Information Desk for access instructions.

### *TeachingBooks* (<http://www.teachingbooks.net/>)

- This database provides "thousands of online resources you can use to explore children's and young adult books and their authors." The resources contained within are "perfect for lesson planning, author studies, and professional development to support the many ways books can be integrated into all subject areas in the K-12 curriculum."

### *ipl2: Information You Can Trust* (<http://www.ipl.org/>)

- This website is a searchable directory of evaluated and recommended websites on a variety of topics. This is a great place to find reliable and age-appropriate websites for children and teenagers.

## OTHER HOW-TO GUIDES

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Library Services produces a number of how-to guides to assist you with academic writing (APA and MLA styles), Microsoft Office, research and technology guides, as well as class specific handouts.

Other how-to guides can be located at: [http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get\\_Assistance/How-To\\_Guides.aspx](http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/How-To_Guides.aspx)

## CONTACT LIBRARY SERVICES

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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 ([http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get\\_Assistance/Email.aspx](http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/Email.aspx))
- Instant Messenger (*Library Online Agents*; [http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get\\_Assistance/IM.aspx](http://www.mhc.ab.ca/Library/Get_Assistance/IM.aspx))
- Text Messaging: 403.866.5872