

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) features

- Indexes journal articles and ERIC Documents (*ERIC Documents have "ED" numbers and the full text of many are available within the ERIC database*)
- Covers all aspects of education and teaching, 1966-present
- Can limit searches to articles available in the library or available full text online in ERIC

Accessing and Using ERIC:

1. From the library's home page (www.umflint.edu/library), under **Search by Subject**, select "Education" from the "Please Select a Subject" pop-up menu and click "Go."
2. Click on *ERIC via FirstSearch*.

Note: Off campus, UM-Flint students and staff will have to log on using their campus username and LAN password.

3. Enter your search terms in the blanks (one search term may be more than one word, such as "teacher certification").
4. Keyword searching is the default. Authors, titles and other specific fields may be searched by clicking the pop-up menus on the right.
5. Use the AND, OR and NOT (Boolean operators) in the left-hand pop-up menus to narrow or broaden your search (see handout: "Getting Started With Database Searching" for more information on using Boolean operators).
6. Apply limits as appropriate. Limits available include: date limit (YYYY-YYYY), language limit, document type limit (for example, to limit to ERIC documents or to journal articles), and limit to articles available full text online. Note: ERIC is not a full text online database, but contains some full-text articles.
7. Click on the "Search" button to begin the search. In the resulting list:
 - Click on the title of the article for the complete citation and abstract.
 - Click on the author's name for other items by the same author.
 - Click on a *Descriptor* (subject heading) for other articles with that descriptor.
 - If full text is available in ERIC, click "View Full Text" (HTML or PDF) to see it. Full-text articles may be printed or emailed using the link in the upper right corner.
 - If the document has an *ED* accession number, it is available under that number in full text on microfiche on the library's first floor. Many documents with ED numbers are also available full text within the ERIC database (indicated by an arrow (→) and the words "Full text").
 - Click "Find full text" to find out if that the library has the article in print or in another online database.
 - If the library does not have the article, you may request interlibrary loan of the article (see handout: "Interlibrary Loan" for more information on requesting interlibrary loans).