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Hints for Searching PsycINFO Through EBSCO

1. Go to the Health Sciences Library homepage. (<http://hsc.unm.edu/library/>)
2. On the left of the screen you will see a link to Find Journal Articles, select that link.
3. Under Mental Health, select EBSCOHost PsycINFO. Click on that link.
4. Type your search topics separately in each box.

5. You can modify the fields you are searching (ie. Author, Title, etc) by clicking on the arrow the right of the box.
6. Note the limit options at the bottom of the screen, especially the Language, Date Published and Age Groups option.
7. Consider truncating your term if it is appropriate. The asterisk at the end of a word will match words with different endings. For example, *adolescen** will find *adolescent*, *adolescents*, *adolescence*, etc.

Some hints for more efficient searching:

Another way of searching is to use the Thesaurus, or special subject terms, that PsycINFO uses. If you use subject terms, you will retrieve articles on a subject, no matter what term

the author uses. For example, articles that discuss PCs and Macs and IBMs and computers, will all be indexed under computers – no matter which of those terms an authors uses.

To use the Thesaurus, click on the Thesaurus Search button at the top of the screen. In the box at the top, type the term you are interested in finding. If you retrieve a successful match to your term, you will see a list with broader and narrower terms. Select the term that appears by clicking on the box to the left of the term, or click on the hypertext link that more closely matches your term and then select that term. When you have selected a term, click Add button. The system will put your term in the search box. You can then look for another term, and when you have selected that, click on the Add button, making sure that the **Select term, then add to search using: AND, OR or NOT** pull down menu has the correct selection. When you have collected all your terms, select Search, and your search results will be posted on the main page.

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Also, on the main search page, there is a tab below the search box entitled Search History. If you click on that tab you can see all of the searches you have done up to this point. You can combine those in different ways by adding the searches together.