



## **Database Guide: PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES**

PsycINFO is a database of abstracts and citations only, no full-text, with more than 2 million records abstracted from 200+ scholarly literature journals in the areas of behavior sciences and mental health. 98% of the journal articles abstracted come from peer-reviewed publications. PsycARTICLES is the APA's full-text article database supplying full-text records from 56 psychology journals. Information in both of these databases could be of interest to such varied fields as psychiatry, business, education, social science, neuroscience, law, medicine, and social work.

### **Database Information**

**Subject Coverage:** Because psychology is a broad field, the subjects covered are quite extensive. Search for materials in the disciplines of arts and humanities, business and management, criminal justice, robotics, economics, education, health care and medicine, law, social work and social services, and sports, recreation and leisure.

**Years of Coverage:** Abstracts are covered 1967 to present; Dissertation documents from 1995 to present. Historic Records include some resources from 1840-1966. Full text articles in PsycARTICLES are primarily 1985-present.

**Search Interface:** CSA Illumina provides this interface, allowing a seamless connection with the RefWorks citation product.

### **Coverage**

**Journals:** More than 2000 titles; 98% peer-reviewed; make up 78% of the database.

**Book coverage:** Chapters from authored and edited books, (selected if scholarly, professional, and research-based with psychological relevance), make up 7% of the database.

**Dissertations and other secondary publications:** Selected from Dissertation Abstracts International, these records make up 11% of database, and run 1995-present.

**Historic Records:** PsychINFO provides all records from Psychological Abstracts, 1927-1966, and includes several other historic publications with psychological relevance; a total of 335,000 historic records including "Classic Books in Psychology of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and the Harvard Book List, 1840-1971. Historic records are indexed differently than current records.

### **Search Fields and Limits**

**CSA Illumina Search Interface:** At FSU, Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals, Criminal Justice Abstracts, and Philosopher's Index share the interface and can also be included in search.

**Boolean Operators:** AND, OR, NOT (can be included easily in Advanced Search.)

## Search Screens

### Quick Search

The screenshot shows the ILLUMINA Quick Search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Logout, Quick Search (highlighted), Advanced Search, Search Tools, and Browse. A status bar indicates 0 Marked Records and provides links for Search History and Alerts. The main search area features a text input field and a Search button. Below the input field, there are search tips and a 'Now Selected' section showing PsycARTICLES and PsycINFO. A 'Change' section includes a dropdown for Subject Area and a link to Specific Databases. A 'Date Range' section has a dropdown set to 'Earliest to Current'. At the bottom, there is a footer with copyright information, privacy policy, terms, and feedback, along with an interface language dropdown set to English and a Go button.

Limit by Date Range only and allows additional CSA Database searching.

### Advanced Search

The screenshot shows the ILLUMINA Advanced Search page. The navigation bar is similar to the Quick Search page, but the 'Advanced Search' tab is highlighted. The main search area features a table with three rows for building a search query. Each row has a dropdown menu for 'and', a set of three input fields separated by 'or', and a dropdown menu for 'Anywhere'. Below the table, there are search tips, a Search button, and a Clear button. The 'Now Selected' section is the same as in the Quick Search page. The 'Change' section is also the same. The 'Date Range' section has a dropdown set to 'Earliest' and a year dropdown set to '2006'. The 'Limited to' section has three checkboxes: 'Latest Update', 'Journal Articles Only', and 'English Only'. The 'Show' section has a dropdown set to 'Short format' and a 'Results per page' dropdown set to '25'. At the bottom, there is a 'Search Tools' section with links for Combine Searches, Alerts, History, Command Search, Thesaurus, and Indexes.

Limit by Date Range, Latest Update, Journal Article and English Language.

## Sample Search

**Search:** teaching tips for student with Asperger's Disorder in Middle School classroom

The screenshot shows the CSA ILLUMINA search interface. At the top, there is a logo for CSA ILLUMINA with the tagline 'Enceladus - the Whole Enchilada'. Below the logo, there are navigation buttons: 'Logout', 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Search Tools', and 'Browse'. A status bar indicates '0 Marked Records | Search History | Alerts'. A green bar at the top right contains 'Help & Support'. The main search area features a table with search criteria:

Operator	Search Term	Field
(	asperger*	Keywords, KW=
or		
)		
and	"middle school"	Keywords, KW=
or	teen*	Keywords, KW=
or	junior high	Keywords, KW=
)		
and		Anywhere
)		

Below the search criteria, there are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A 'Search Tips' section provides examples like 'e.g., wildcard\*', 'exact phrase', and 'use Keywords for a single search of Title, Abstract, Descriptors'. The 'Now Selected' section shows 'PsycARTICLES' and 'PsycINFO'. The 'Change' section has a dropdown for 'Subject Area' and a link to 'Specific Databases'. The 'Date Range' section has dropdowns for 'Earliest' and '2006'. The 'Limited to' section has checkboxes for 'Latest Update', 'Journal Articles Only', and 'English Only'. The 'Show' section has a dropdown for 'Shortformat' and a 'Results per page' dropdown set to '25'. At the bottom, there are links for 'Combine Searches', 'Alerts', 'History', 'Command Search', 'Thesaurus', and 'Indexes'. A footer contains copyright information for 2006 CSA, a 'Privacy Policy' link, 'Terms and Conditions Governing Use', 'Feedback', and an 'Interface' dropdown set to 'English' with a 'Go' button.

## Special Features of Search Interface

**Wildcards:** Use ? for single characters and \* for additional characters

Example: asperger\* will bring up asperger's or asperger or aspergers

Place phrases in double quotations:

Example: "middle school"

**Search Boxes:** Place phrases across the horizontal boxes to broaden the search (OR)

Example: "middle school" OR teen\*OR "junior high"

Place phrases vertically to narrow the search (AND)

Example: asperger\* AND phrases representing middle school student

Search boxes can be selected from all 3 Boolean Operators to broaden or narrow searches or exclude search terms as needed.

**Beware 'Anywhere':** This default search field finds the search term anywhere in the record, including the bibliography list. **Anywhere** allows an extremely broad search. Keyword, Author, Title, and Descriptors are the other primary search fields, although the database can be searched using any of the 52 different fields.

## Results

The screenshot shows the CSA/ILLUMINA search results page. At the top, there is a logo for CSA ILLUMINA with the tagline 'Enceladus - the Whole Enchilada'. A navigation bar includes 'Logout', 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Search Tools', and 'Browse'. Below this, a green bar indicates '8 results found for: KW=asperger\* and KW=(("middle school") or teen\* or ... in Multiple Databases +'. There are tabs for 'Published Works 8' and 'Web Sites 0'. Below that, there are tabs for 'All Publication Types 8', 'Journals 8', and 'Peer-Reviewed Journals 8'. A search bar contains the query 'KW=asperger\* and KW=(("middle school") or teen\* or ...'. There are buttons for 'Mark or Clear all on page', 'Update Marked List', 'Save, Print, Email', and 'RefWorks'. A 'Sort by:' dropdown is set to 'Most Recent First' with a 'Go' button. The results list shows two entries:

1. [Profiles of social communicative competence in middle school children with Asperger syndrome: Two case studies](#)  
Bellon-Ham, Monica L.; Ham, William E  
*Child Language Teaching & Therapy*. Vol 22(1), Feb 2006, pp. 1-26  
Among characteristics of children diagnosed with Asperger syndrome (AS) are difficulties in social communication. This study describes the social communicative competence of two *middle school* children with AS participating ...  
[View Record](#) | [References](#) | [Find It!](#)  
**Database:** PsycINFO  
**Descriptors:** \*Aspergers Syndrome | \*Communication Skills | \*Competence | \*Conversation | \*Social Skills
2. [Challenges to Treating Adolescents with Asperger's Syndrome Who are Sexually Abusive](#)  
Ray, Frances; Marks, Christina; Bray-Garretson, Helen  
*Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity*. Vol 11(4), Dec 2004, pp. 265-285  
... increasing amount of information available regarding Asperger's Syndrome (AS) and *high* functioning autism. While children with Asperger's may have normal verbal intelligence, they are, like other children along the ...  
[View Record](#) | [References](#) | [Find It!](#)  
**Database:** PsycINFO  
**Descriptors:** \*Aspergers Syndrome | \*Sex Offenses | \*Sexual Abuse | \*Treatment | Therapeutic Processes

**Working With Results:** Use the Descriptors on the right to find additional resources.  
Note the "Journals" and "Peer-Reviewed Journals" Tabs  
Other Tabs may appear for Dissertations, Books, Websites, etc.  
Mark records desired and enter directly into RefWorks citation list

**Search Tools:** Advanced Features like Search History, Combine Searches  
Can access PsycInfo Thesaurus to find descriptor search terms

**Browse:** Provides an A-Z list of the 50+ Journals available in PsycArticles