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Ebscohost Research Databases

A beginner's guide

ABOUT EBSCOHOST RESEARCH DATABASES

- Ebscohost Research Databases are an international collection of databases, most of which are subject specific. One of these databases, *Academic Search Complete*, is a multidisciplinary database of journals and newspapers covering a wide range of topics so is a useful starting point when looking for journal literature on any topic
- The Ebscohost databases include some South African publications as well as articles in foreign journals about South Africa. *Africa Wide* is a database of literature about and from Africa
- Not all Ebscohost databases provide full text so check the description of each database.

ACCESSING EBSCOHOST AND CHOOSING A DATABASE / DATABASES

- From the Library's webpage (<http://library.ukzn.ac.za>) go to Electronic Resources and click on the Databases A-Z option
- From the list of databases choose Ebscohost Research Databases (do NOT choose Ebscohost Electronic Journal Service)
- Click on Ebscohost Web

The screenshot shows the Ebscohost website interface. At the top left is the Ebscohost logo. Below it is a green bar with the text "Select New Service". Underneath, it says "UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU NATAL". There are two options: "EBSCOhost Web" with a blue link and a small Ebscohost logo icon, and "EBSCOhost Mobile" with a blue link and a small Ebscohost logo icon on a mobile device.

- A list of databases with a description of each appears
- Click on the name (in blue) of a particular database to get to the search box. The blank boxes to the left of the database names allow for marking / choosing more than one database in order to search them simultaneously.



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To search within a single database, click the database name listed below. To select more than one database to search, check the boxes and [Continue](#).

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Academic Search Complete

Academic Search Complete is the world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database, with more than 7,900 full-text periodicals, including more than 6,800 peer-reviewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 11,900 journals and a total of more than 12,000 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database features PDF content going back as far as 1887, with the majority of full text titles in native (searchable) PDF format. Searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,400 journals.

[Title List](#) [More Information](#)

Africa-Wide Information

Africa-Wide: NIPAD, produced by NISC South Africa, combines bibliographic databases from around the world to form a multidisciplinary aggregation offering unique and extensive coverage of all facets of Africa and African studies. This includes content from South African Studies, African Studies, and African HealthLine, which focuses on all aspects of health relating to Africa and other developing nations. With over 3.2 million resource is essential for those with an interest in African research, and information on and about Africa.

[More Information](#)

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

DOING A SEARCH

- At the next screen (see below), enter your search terms. (Use the '?' to the right of the search box for help with constructing a search. The search tips are given on the left hand side of the help screen). Various options for refining your search are available below the search box eg. date, full text, type of publication. Then click on the 'Search' button.



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- Find any of my search terms
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Apply related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

Limit your results

Full Text

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals

Publication

References Available

Published Date from Month Year: to Month Year:

Publication Type

All
Periodical

RESULTS OF A SEARCH

You will be presented with a list of results in the middle part of the screen.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Complete interface. At the top, the search query is "corporal punishment" and schools. The search results page displays 479 results. The first two results are highlighted:

- 1. Corporal Punishment in Nepalese School Children: Facts, Legalities and Implications.**
By: Mishra, Navin; Thakur, Kashi Kant; Koirala, Rabin; Shrestha, Devendra; Poudel, Rakesh; Jha, Rajanee. *Journal of Nepal Paediatric Society*, 2010, Vol. 30 Issue 2, p98-109, 12p, 1 Graph
While the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) demands that children be respected as human beings with the right to dignity and physical integrity, in Nepal corporal punishment is often co...
Subjects: CORPORAL punishment; NEPALESE; SCHOOL children; CHILDREN -- Attitudes; DIGNITY; SOCIAL structure; CHILD psychology; CHILD sexual abuse; CHILDREN'S rights; NEPAL; PSYCHOLOGICAL aspects; LEGAL status, laws, etc.; CONVENTION on the Rights of the Child (1989)
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- 2. Educators' disciplinary capabilities after the banning of corporal punishment in South African schools.**
By: Maphosa, Cosmas; Shumba, Almon. *South African Journal of Education*, Aug2010, Vol. 30 Issue 3, p387-399, 13p
The escalation of learner indiscipline cases in schools suggests failure by teachers to institute adequate alternative disciplinary measures after corporal punishment was outlawed in South Africa...
Subjects: CORPORAL punishment of children; CORPORAL punishment; RESEARCH; SCHOOL discipline; DISCIPLINE; TEACHER participation in educational counseling; EDUCATORS; SOUTH Africa; STUDY & teaching
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- The number of results is given at the top left of the results screen
- The articles are numbered. Brief details of the first 20 results are provided
- The details provided include: title of article; author if available; journal details, a few words to provide the context of the topic, and full text availability
- The article title is in blue. This is a clickable link in order to view the abstract, as well as see options to print, email, save, export and check citation style for a few core referencing Styles such as Harvard, APA, MLA
- If an article has 'HTML' or 'PDF' full text written below the basic details it means the full article is available here to print, download or email
- HTML is quick to download and can be printed, saved as a Word document or emailed. PDF is much slower to download and cannot be saved as a Word document but can be saved to the desktop
- If you wish to make a folder of selected articles from the results list, click on the Add to folder option below the details of each article.
- If Ebscohost does not provide full text, click on the **Check SFX for full text** button below the article details. SFX will indicate if the article is available in another database and provide clickable links to get to another database.

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- Once you have chosen or opened an item, you will be offered the options to save, print, email (or export) results
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