CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT METHODOLOGY IN HEALTH CARE
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• Rm. 116 Halle Library
• http://www.emich.edu/apc/

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Levels of Research

1) Quick look-up AKA “googling it”

2) Consumer research

3) Subject specific, professional research
APA Manual Sources


• Reserve Reference at Halle Circulation Desk – BF 76.6 .P82

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html
Developing a Research Topic

- Television & other electronic media
- Popular journals
- Trade magazines
- People – personal & professional
- Health admin association web pages
  - Hot topics
  - Letters & editorials
  - Trends
  - Law & legislation
- Professional newsletters
- Encyclopedias
- Choosing a Topic –
  - https://guides.emich.edu/c.php?g=611337&p=5233730&preview=d997e5f1e0acee24f60bdad32a3ec618
**Tips for Successful Research**

- Use a variety of resources
- Be open to learning more about research & tools
- Give yourself time to research properly
- Be persistent
- Be prepared to be surprised; research is not linear
- Ask for help from your professor, a librarian, family members, friends, etc.
Keeping it Together - The Research Journal

- Record, record, record!
  - Ideas for topics; track your thinking processes; points of inspiration
- Databases & web sites searched
- Summary of search results
- Track & evaluate successes & failures
- Search strategies
- Keywords, terms, subject headings
- Conversations; People you want to contact

- Use it consistently
- Electronic bibliographic management tools, e.g., Zotero, RefWorks, EndNote, Mendeley
Types of Journals

Popular

- Slick and attractive in appearance
- Rarely cite sources
- Written by staff or free-lance writers; may or may not list the author
- Language level is simple
- Main purpose is to entertain or to convey general information
- Target audience is reading at ~7th grade level
  - e.g. People Weekly

Substantive

- May be attractive in format and have pictures and ads
- May cite sources, but usually not
- Articles may or may not be signed by the author
- Language level may be simple, but not necessarily
- Purpose is to provide information to a broad, educated audience
- Target audience is reading at ~12th grade level
  - e.g. Time, Newsweek
Types of Journals, cont.

**Trade**

- Intention is to report on specific industry news, trends, key players & industry changes
- Contains advertising focused on the industry in question
- Contains pertinent job notices
- Pictures, charts, and ads abound
- Cite sources within the text of the article, but no official bibliography
- Articles are usually signed
- Trade jargon is used
- Reading level ~12th grade

**Scholarly**

- Sober in tone
- Pictures not usually used, but charts and graphs may be
- Sources are always cited
- Articles are signed by a scholar or researcher
- Language is elevated and assumes familiarity with the jargon of the discipline
- May be published by a professional organization or university
  - e.g. AJN, JAMA, AJOT

[https://js.sagamorepub.com/trj](https://js.sagamorepub.com/trj)
Refereed / Peer Reviewed Journals

- A journal which requires that, prior to publication, submitted articles be approved by a board in order to evaluate the quality, validity, reliability of the article.

- This review process is often done ‘blind’, that is, the reviewers do not know the name or academic affiliations of the authors, and the authors do not know who is reviewing their work.

- Check the journal title in *Ulrich’s Global Serials Directory*:
Databases

- Business Scholarly & Trade
- CINAHL - Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature
- Esearch
- Gale Virtual Reference Library (encyclopedias)
- Health Source: Academic
- PsycINFO
- PubMed/Medline
- Congress.gov (law & Legislation)
- Web of Science & Google Scholar – cited ref. searching
- Westlaw Campus Research (business, law & legislation)
TITLE: The impact of therapeutic recreation camps on adults with disabilities

AUTHOR: Thompson, Ashlee R. A.; Wozencroft, Angela J.; Parsons, Macie D.


ABSTRACT: Objective: The purpose of the study was to examine the perceived benefits that adults with disabilities experience from participating in a therapeutic recreation camp. Methods: Participants selected were between the ages of 22 and 65,…

MAJOR SUBJECTS: Disabled -- Psychosocial Factors -- In Adulthood; Recreational Therapy; Camps

MINOR SUBJECTS: Thematic Analysis; Affect; Treatment Outcomes

JOURNAL SUBSET: Peer Reviewed
## Getting Your Hands on the Article

### Getting Full-text Articles

- [https://guides.emich.edu/databasehelp/full-text](https://guides.emich.edu/databasehelp/full-text)

### Interlibrary (ILL)

- The Halle Library obtains literature resources that are requested from a library patron from another library.
- No cost to the library patron; the Halle Library pays.
- Link to the online form: [https://www.emich.edu/library/services/ill.php](https://www.emich.edu/library/services/ill.php)
Combining Sets

**AND** = Intersection

**OR** = Union