Using Journals Search to Find Full Text Articles

Step 1: Find out which database has the journal you need.

Start at the library’s homepage http://www gwcc commnet edu/library aspx

ON CAMPUS
Click on “Find Articles” button on the library homepage, then click on “Journal Search by Title”

OFF CAMPUS
Go to myCommNet http://my commnet edu, login with your NetID and password. Click on “Library” tab, then click on “Gateway Community College” under “My library Resources” and select “Journal Search by Title”.

Enter the beginning of the journal title,

Example: early ch (for Early Childhood Education)

Or change the drop-down box to “title contains all words” and enter a keyword

Example: childhood

The result will be a list of titles and the databases which contain their full text (i.e. complete) articles. You may go directly to the articles by selecting the name of the database or you may exit and go to the database through the library’s homepage.

Step 2: Locate the articles

***To go directly to the database from the “Journal Search” click on the name of the database (underlined and in blue), for example, Academic Search Premier.

Early childhood education journal (1082-3301)
from 03/01/1997 to 1 year ago in Academic Search Premier and Professional Development Collection

What happens next depends on the database. Below are the most common variations.

ProQuest: Again you will be brought to a search page where the journal title is already entered. Enter any additional search terms, specify dates, or select an issue to browse.
InfoTrac/Gale: The page that appears will only allow you to browse specific issues by date. To search within the journal, select “Advanced Search.” Enter terms in the entry boxes. Use the limit options to select the journal title and limit by dates.

EBSCO: Before you search the database, you will see a page with the publication details. At this point you have several options.

1. To look at all articles in a particular issue, select the year, and then the issue, in the right column. When you enter the database, the journal title will be automatically entered for you as part of your search terms.

2. To browse through all the articles in all issues of the database, select the blue link giving the full range of dates in the “Full Text” box.

3. To refine your search within the journal, select “Search within this publication” at the top of the page. When you enter the database, the journal title will be automatically entered for you as part of your search terms. Enter any additional terms, and use the limiting options to specify dates or types of articles.

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Notice that there is a delay of 12 months before articles appear in this database. This is a restriction (“embargo”) by the publisher of the journal.