



Accessing the Database

1. Go to the Laupus Library homepage at <http://www.ecu.edu/laupuslibrary/>.
2. Click on the link that says “View all of our resources”. Next click on the letter “O”.
3. You will see a link for “OTSearch.” Click on that to begin your search. NOTE: If you are off-campus, you will need to enter your pirate id (your ECU email username) and password (same as your email password) before you can access OT Search.

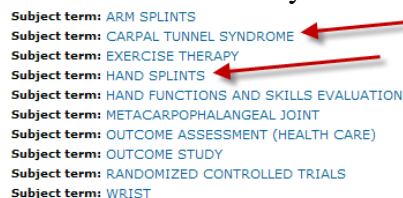
Searching with Keywords

1. Click the link on the top left of the page that says “OT Search.”

2. Break your search down into concepts.
3. Now, pick out the most important concepts and enter them into the search box using the appropriate connectors. For example, if you are doing a search on the use of hand splints for people suffering from carpal tunnel syndrome, you would enter “hand splints and carpal tunnel” (without the “”).
4. You should be taken to a page with a list of results. Books as well as articles will be displayed. If you are only interested in articles, skip down to the Limiting to Journal Articles section of this handout.

Searching with Subject Headings

1. Complete steps 1 and 2 from the “Searching with Keywords” section.
 2. Pick an entry that looks most appropriate for your search needs and click on “Details.”
 3. Now, click on the tab for .
 4. Near the bottom of the page you will see a list of subject terms.
- a. If you are only using one term...
 - i. Just click on it.
 - b. If you are using two or more of the subject terms...

- i. Write down the terms you want to use. For example,



Subject term: ARM SPLINTS
Subject term: CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME
Subject term: EXERCISE THERAPY
Subject term: HAND SPLINTS
Subject term: HAND FUNCTIONS AND SKILLS EVALUATION
Subject term: METACARPOPHALANGEAL JOINT
Subject term: OUTCOME ASSESSMENT (HEALTH CARE)
Subject term: OUTCOME STUDY
Subject term: RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS
Subject term: WRIST

- ii. Click on “New Search” near the top left of the screen.
- iii. Then, click on Power Search, below the search box.
- iv. Change the drop box to “Subject” and type one term into the search box.
- v. Then, change another drop box to “Subject” and type in your next term. Repeat as necessary.
- vi. Finally, click the search button at the bottom of the screen.

Limiting to Journal Articles

This search engine will pull up books as well as articles.

1. Click on “Limit Search” near the top left of the screen.
2. Click the drop box for “Type” and select “Journal Article.”
3. Finally, click the “Search” button.

Finding Full Text

Keep in mind that this database will bring up articles and books that may not be at East Carolina University.

You will need to search Laupus Library’s holdings to see if we have what you need.

1. For Journal Articles
 - a. Click on the Details button to the left of the title you want.
 - i. If you see a URL link like this: ▶ URL, click it to get to the full text. Otherwise go to the next step.
 - b. Now, click on the tab for “Catalog Record.” This will give you full citation for the article.
 - c. Now, open a new window and go to the Laupus Library home page.
 - d. Click on “Citation Linker” under the Research drop down menu.
 - e. Fill in the journal title, volume, issue, first page, and year.
 - f. Click the Find It button.
 - g. If you have any problems, contact a librarian using the information at the bottom of this handout.
2. For Books
 - a. Click on the Details button to the left of the title you want.
 - b. Now, open a new window and go to the Laupus Library home page.
 - c. Use the catalog on the home page to search for the book by title.
 - d. If you have any problems, contact a librarian using the information at the bottom of this handout.