Accessing Perry’s Library’s Online Journals

Many of the Library’s databases provide access to full text journal articles. But when you know what article you need, you don’t have to use a database to find it. When you know which journal contains the article, use Journals A-Z to see if you can access the journal directly and find the article.


1. On the Library’s Homepage select Find Journals and Newspapers. Enter the journal’s name--in this case Journal of Nursing Education-- in the search box and select Search.

Results—the Library has access to Journal of Nursing Education in print and via multiple online sources.

Check the coverage dates! The example article is from 2009, so any of these sources will work.

If you needed an article from 2012, the Slack Incorporated link would have to be used since it has access to the present.

2. If the second link, Education Source is selected, this screen is displayed:

Since the article is from 2009, pick that year.
3. A breakdown of that year’s issues is displayed. The article we want is in issue 3, so select that link.

4. A list of results for that issue is displayed next. Scroll down to find the article and select the PDF Full Text link to view it.


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*If the article was in the October 2013 issue, either the Wiley Online Library or Wiley-Blackwell Full collection has to be used. Why? Because the other links provide full text only up to a year ago from the current date; so as of August 2014 when this handout was completed, full text was available only up to August 2013.

2. Selecting the Wiley Online shows this screen.

The article you need is in volume 10, 2009. Select See All.
3. A list of volumes by year is shown. Find 2009 and select it. Then select issue 2.

4. A list of citations is displayed. Scroll down to find the article. Select the PDF Link to view the article.

Tips

- How you access an online journal varies: sometimes there are multiple links; sometimes just one. Online journal interfaces vary by publisher and vendor as well, so journal websites may display content differently.

- Enter the full journal name—do not abbreviate—when searching Journals A-Z.

- Access online journals through the Library’s website. When accessing the Library’s online journals remotely, you will be prompted for your MIDAS user name/password, which enables you to be recognized by the as an ODU-affiliated user.

- If you get asked for another password after using your MIDAS account, or asked for payment, Stop!
  - Go back and check our holdings: does the Library have the journal? Does the coverage date include the year you need? If we are supposed to have the journal, you should not be prompted for payment or yet another login, so let us know if this happens so we can fix the issue.
  - If it turns out that the Library does not have access, we can obtain the article for you via Interlibrary Loan at no charge.

- For library journals available via print: graduate students and distance students may request that articles from these journals be scanned and emailed to them; simply request needed articles via Interlibrary Loan.

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