Finding research articles

There are several ways to get access to article through the Unitec Library.
Go to the Unitec Library website http://library.unitec.ac.nz

1. Articles express (access from the Library home page)

   a. Type in your keywords and click ‘Search’
   b. Limit your results to ‘Peer-reviewed Journals’ on the left, to ensure that you get quality research that has been reviewed by other experts in the field

   ![Peer-reviewed Journals](120,640)

   c. Narrow down your results by using the refiners on the left

   ![Refine My Results](Journal Title, Articles (110,130))

   d. If you aren’t getting the results you want

      • Change the keywords you are using to do your search OR
      • Use the suggested ‘Subjects’ to refine your results further

   ![Subject](Action Research (658), Teaching Methods (646), Foreign Countries (458), Article (205), Learning (215))

   e. Access articles by selecting ‘View online’ and then click one of the full text links that appear
2. **Databases – EBSCO Education Databases.** This is a really good source of articles as it is part of our biggest database at Unitec. To access:
   a. From the Library home page click ‘Subject Guides’
   b. Go into the ‘Education’ subject guide
   c. Go to the ‘Databases’ tab. From here you will see a list of databases that have Education related content.
   d. Select ‘EBSCO Education Databases’ (if you are off campus you will be asked to login using your Unitec Login and password)
   e. Tick ‘Select all’ and click ‘Continue’

Once you are here you can begin finding articles.

Enter each of your keywords or terms in the different search boxes.

Tips:
- Suggested keywords appear as you type, use some of these if you can
- Try changing your keywords if you get too few results
- Try adding keywords or using more specific ones if you get too many results
- For searching New Zealand related content use the word ‘Zealand’ in one of the search boxes

To get the best results
- Tick the **Full Text** box so you get results with articles you can access through Unitec
- Tick the **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals** box, again so you get better quality research
- Use the Refiners on the left to narrow down your results

To access:
- For more information click on the blue title of the article you are interested in. This will give you the abstract and the article details.
- To read click on the link to the link to ‘PDF Full Text’ or ‘HTML Full Text’
3. **Databases – Emerald.** This is another good source of education articles. To access:
   a. From the Library home page click ‘Subject Guides’
   b. Go into the ‘Education’ subject guide
   c. Go to the ‘Databases’ tab. From here you will see a list of databases that have Education related content.
   d. Select ‘Emerald’ (if you are off campus you will be asked to login using your Unitec Login and password)
   e. From there select ‘Advanced Search’ from the right of the main search box.
   f. Enter your keywords here in the same way you did in EBSCO, adjust the date range below and click search
   g. The Refiners/Filter are on the right this time.
   h. Also note in this database that you only have full text access to the articles with the solid green square next to them.

Have a look at the **Education Study Guide** for more Education specific resources and tools.

The Library Website also has many study resources including the Study Toolbox which you can access from the Library home page [http://libguides.unitec.ac.nz/studytoolbox](http://libguides.unitec.ac.nz/studytoolbox)

If you get stuck send an email or give a call to your Knowledge Specialist. Contact details can be found on the Education Study Guide.