# Quick Start: Finding Databases for Your Research

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Find an **overview** of a broad topic—history, definitions, expert authors, and research syntheses.

**Search**
handbook* “professional development” teacher*

**Retrieve:** [Handbook of professional development in education: successful models and practices, PreK-12](#)

**Explore details tab to find subject term:**
Teachers—in service training [Clicking this term can lead to more sources.]

Don’t forget to add date limits!

Not sure if we have it? Search Library Catalog to know for sure.

## 3-in-1 Education Articles

Do a **comprehensive search** of the education literature, including peer reviewed and practitioner journals, research reports, and more.

**Search** conceptually related terms in the same box, i.e.: *(flipped OR blended OR hybrid) AND (“professional development” OR “teacher development” OR “in service” OR “teacher training” OR “teacher education”) AND "school district"* OR administrat* OR "central office"* OR principal* (limited to 2014-2019)

**Retrieve:** books, practitioner journals (i.e., *District Administration*), reports (i.e., Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation), research journals, and more.

## Web of Science

Limit searches to **top-tier journals** in education and/or rank search results by number of times cited.

**Search** conceptually related terms in the same box, i.e.: *flipped or blended or hybrid AND personaliz*

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