

## APA PSYCINFO FOR EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Psychological aspects of many educational topics are covered in the APA PsycInfo database.<sup>1</sup> For example, it cites many scholarly psychological studies about Learning, Teaching Methods, and Special Education.

PsycInfo uses controlled vocabulary terminology and includes a thesaurus link above the search boxes so that you can find the vocabulary related to your searching needs. (See figure below.)

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with links for 'New Search', 'APA Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms', 'Cited References', and 'Indexes'. Below this, the EBSCOhost logo is visible on the left. The main search area contains the text 'Searching: APA PsycInfo' followed by a link to 'Choose Databases'. There are three search input fields, each with an 'AND' dropdown menu to its left and a 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown menu to its right.

The following searches use terminology from the thesaurus.

- autism spectrum disorder AND school based intervention
- distance education AND teaching methods
- literacy AND bilingualism

APA PsycInfo has good abstracts that will enable you to make relevance assessments. However, you will find few links to full-text articles. Contact [library@dts.edu](mailto:library@dts.edu) to obtain articles.

See Introduction to Using EBSCO (<https://library.dts.edu/ebsco-intro>) for general instruction on using this and other EBSCO databases. View training videos on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL25A8CEBA08C0E7AB>

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<sup>1</sup>As of December 2021, APA PsycInfo lists over 5 million citations to scholarly works about psychology and psychological aspects of related disciplines including anthropology, business, medicine, education, law, linguistics, and sociology. It provides thorough coverage of clinical psychology and counseling.