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**PsycFIRST**

PsycFIRST covers psychology and related fields and indexes journal articles, technical reports, monographic series, dissertations, and other materials. Indexed materials are selected from more than 1300 journals published in 50 countries and 28 languages. Full-text access to material is not available, but most records have an abstract. The database covers the last three years.

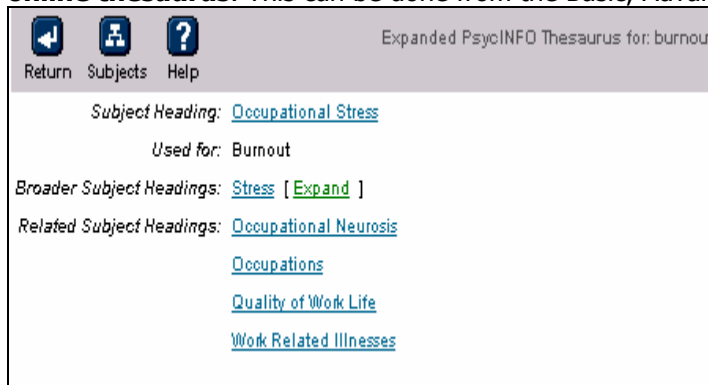
**Accessing PsycFIRST**

PsycFIRST is available through the FirstSearch set of databases. To access PsycFIRST:

- Go to the University/College Library home page at <http://ucl.broward.edu>
- From this page, go to Finding Articles menu.
- Select Express Login to Databases.
- Enter your Borrower ID. Type in your 14-digit library barcode number on the front of your ID card.
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- Click on [Log on] button.
- From the left column, select FirstSearch.
- Click on [Connect to Database] button.
- Go to the Advanced Search pull-down menu and scroll down to PsycFIRST.
- Select the PsycFIRST database.

**Using the PsycFIRST Thesaurus**

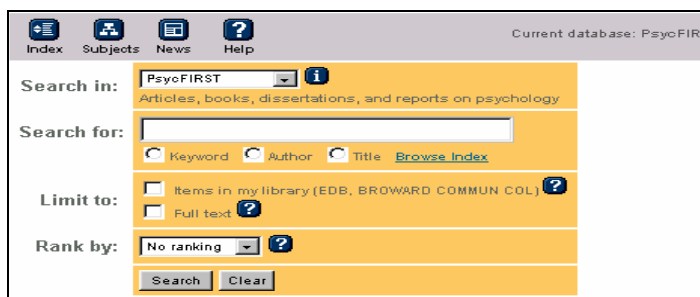
PsycFIRST uses a controlled vocabulary. To make your searches as specific as possible, use the **online thesaurus**. This can be done from the Basic, Advanced and Expert search screens.



To use the Thesaurus, enter your search term and click "Find". The Thesaurus will display the current descriptor(s) that should be used for your search. Broader and related descriptors will also be displayed if you click on "Expand".

**Basic Search Screen**

When you open PsycFIRST the basic search screen is displayed:



This is the basic search screen, which permits you to search by keyword, author, or title; limit to materials available in the library and/or full-text; and rank by date or relevance.

For help in using the database, click on the **Help (?)** button at the top of the page, or ask a librarian at the Reference Desk.

## Advanced Search

Current database: PsychFIRST

Search in: PsychFIRST  
Articles, books, dissertations, and reports on psychology

Search for: occupational stress (Descriptor)  
and coping behavior (Descriptor)  
and (Keyword)

Year: (format: YYYYMM)  
Language: No Limit  
Document Type: Journal Article  
Library Code: (Library Code)  
 Items in my library (EDB, BROWARD COMMUN COL)  
 Full text

Rank by: No ranking

This is an example of a search for the descriptors:

- Occupational stress
- Coping behavior
- Limited to journal articles

## Advanced Search Results


PsychFIRST results for: (de: occupational and de: stress) and ((de: coping and de: behavior)) and dt= "journal article" .  
Records found: 116

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1. [Managerial stress, locus of control, and job strain in Taiwan and UK: A comparative study.](#)  
Author: Lu, Luo, and others Source: International Journal of Stress Management Vol 7(3), Jul 2000, 209-226. Doc. Type: Journal Article Libraries: 47
2. [Transforming experience into wisdom: Healing amidst suffering.](#)  
Author: Mulder, Janice, and others Source: Journal of Palliative Care Vol 16(2), Sum 2000, 25-29. Doc. Type: Journal Article Libraries: 124
3. [Sources and determinants of job stress among employees working in therapeutic toddler classes in Dutch rehabilitation centres.](#)  
Author: Hendriks, A. H. C., and others Source: International Journal of Disability, Development & Education Vol 47(2), Jun 2000, 155-169. Doc. Type: Journal Article Libraries: 223
4. [Collective efficacy versus self-efficacy in coping responses to stressors and control: A cross-cultural study.](#)  
Author: Schaubroedk, John, and others Source: Journal of Applied Psychology Vol 85(4), Aug 2000, 512-525. Doc. Type: Journal Article Libraries: 1795
5. [Psychological predictors of coping responses among Greek basketball referees.](#)  
Author: Kaissidis-Rodafinos, Angelos, and others Source: Journal of Social Psychology Vol 140(3), Jun 2000, 329-344. Doc. Type: Journal Article Libraries: 1295

The advanced search using descriptors, limited to journals, produced 116 hits. Citations include the title of the article, author, journal name, volume and issue number, date of publication and pages. For example: Article 2

Title: Transforming experience into wisdom: healing amidst suffering  
Author: Mulder, Janice  
Journal: Journal of Palliative Care  
Volume/Issue: Vol. 16, number 2  
Date: Summer, 2000  
Pages: 25-29

This icon  indicates that a journal is available in the library. To see if the journal above is available, you will need to check the U/CL periodical list.

It is possible to expand this search by clicking on the expand icon in the upper portion of the screen. This command will produce a display of descriptors used to index the retrieved articles.

**+** [Show Authors Found in Your Results](#)

**-** [Select a Subject Heading to Start a New Search](#)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Occupational Stress</a>	100%
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Working Conditions</a>	10%
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Personnel</a>	10%
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Australia</a>	10%
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Job Satisfaction</a>	8%

You can also limit the results by clicking on the limit icon:

- Limit by author
- Limit by subject
- Limit by year
- Limit by language

PsycFIRST is one of the few databases that indexes books, chapters in books, dissertations, reports and secondary publications in addition to journal articles. You can limit your search to the following types of documents

Chapter

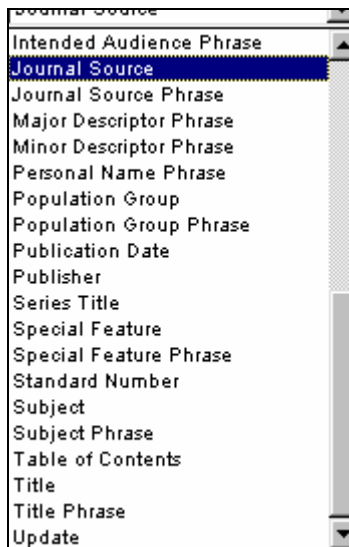
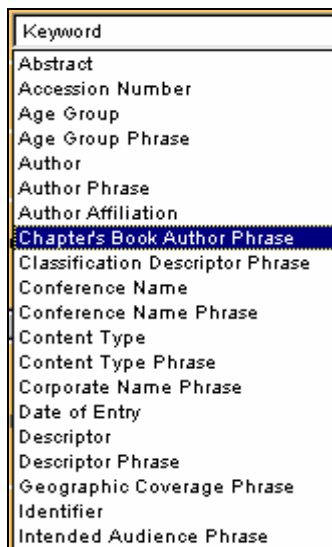
- No Limit
- Authored Book
- Book
- Chapter**
- Dissertation Abstract
- Edited Book
- Journal Article
- Report
- Secondary Publication

The following is a display of the results for the same search, limited to chapters in books. In this case, you will need to search the LINCC catalog for the author of the book. For example, in document # 1, you would perform an author search for Thompson, Elizabeth, **not** Mederer, Helen; in document # 2, you would perform an author search for Violanti, John M.; in document #3, you would search for Miller, David.

PsycFIRST results for: (de: occupational and de: stress) and ((de: coping and de: behavior)) and dt= "chapter" .  
Records found: 14

1. [Surviving the demise of a way of life: Stress and resilience in northeastern commercial fishing families.](#)  
 Author: Mederer, Helen J. In: p. 203-235; McCubbin, Hamilton I.; Ed; Thompson, Elizabeth A.; et al; Ed; The dynamics of resilient families.; Doc. Type: Chapter
2. [Coping effectiveness and occupational stress in police officers.](#)  
 Author: Patterson, George T. In: p. 214-226; Violanti, John M.; Ed; Paton, Douglas; et al; Ed; Police trauma: Psychological aftermath of civilian combat.; Doc. Type: Chapter
3. [Stress and burnout in AIDS health care: Are there special characters?](#)  
 Author: Kleiber, Dieter, and others In: p. 115-129; Bennett, Lydia; Ed; Miller, David; et al; Ed; Health workers and AIDS: Research, intervention and current issues in burnout and response.; Doc. Type: Chapter

In most cases, you will search PsycFIRST by descriptor(s), but it is possible to use different terms for searching; click on keyword to view the choices:



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Sunday	2:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Sunday (IIIA & IIIB)	2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

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