

Conducting Searches for Relevant Research on Diversity Issues

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1. Use the PsycINFO database to find articles that describe empirical literature or theoretical issues related to your topic and diverse populations.
2. Identify key words and phrases to describe the topic about which you are presenting. Examples: teen suicide; complex trauma; infant attachment; dementia and family care.
3. Identify key words and phrases related to diversity issues. Examples:
 - Culture/Race/Ethnicity: Black, African-American; Latino, Latina, Latinx, Hispanic, Chicano
 - Religion: Christianity, Judaism, Islam
 - Age/Developmental Stage: Children, Adolescents, Adults, Elderly
 - Sex/Gender: Male, Female, Transsexual
 - Sexual Orientation: Homosexuality, Bisexuality, Pansexuality
 - Ability Status: Disability
 - Immigrants, Refugees
 - Bilingualism
 - Social class: middle class, working class, poverty
4. Conduct a search in which your topic key words and phrases and each of the key words and phrases about diversity are matched.
5. Examine the search results to see whether you have produced literature that seems important and relevant. If so, include this information in your presentation.
6. See whether there is a total absence or significant limitations evident in the search results. If so, plan to ask questions that would generate a discussion among participants about how to handle, in practice, this limitation in the knowledge base.