

Search Multiple Databases Simultaneously In ProQuest

In this tutorial I will show you how you can search multiple databases at once in ProQuest.

Several of our key education databases, including ERIC, ProQuest Education Journals, CBCA Education, and PsycInfo, are brought to us via the ProQuest interface. A great feature of the ProQuest interface is that we can search multiple databases at once.

I'll start with ERIC. By clicking on the, "database" link in the top left corner of the screen I can see a list of the databases I am currently searching, and additional databases I may wish to include in my search. To see further details on each database, I click on the, "Go to database details>" link now present at the top of the screen. Once here I can hover over the information icon to learn more about each of the databases on the list.

While on this page, or from the original dropdown menu, I can select additional databases to search. Because my research topic has an educational focus, I want to select several education databases in addition to ERIC, such as CBCA Education, and ProQuest Education Journals.

Additionally, my research might draw on the literature of psychology, so I am going to include the PsycInfo database in my search.

Once I have selected the databases that best suit my topic, I click on the, "Use Selected Databases" button to add them to my search.

Back at the search page, I can see that I am now searching four databases simultaneously.

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