

Sources for Education Majors

Students enrolled in any of the education programs at Wor-Wic (Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or Secondary Education) are often required to submit summaries and critiques of articles from journals about various topics covered in the curriculum.

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)

ERIC is an index to all types of information about the educational process *ERIC* is compiled by the US government and provides access to more than 1.4 million bibliographic records and abstracts of journal articles, books, research, conference papers, technical reports, policy papers, theses, dissertations, etc. It also includes the popular *What Works* publications from the U. S. Department of Education. The government database provides full-text for those items it has been given permission to republish electronically. However, the full-text of most journal articles is not provided by the free version available on the government sponsored website.

Wor-Wic subscribes to an enhanced version of *ERIC* provided by EBSCO. It provides all of the information available in the government sponsored site plus the full text of articles from the hundreds of education related journals available through EBSCO. Students needing journal articles should make sure to check the boxes marked peer-reviewed and full-text before launching a search. Please be aware that EBSCO does not have the rights to the content of every education related journal indexed by ERIC.

The Teacher Reference Center

The Teacher Reference Center is also provided by EBSCO. It contains full-text articles from the “most popular” teacher and administrator journals. These articles are also included in the ERIC/EBSCO partnership. However, students may find this smaller database easier to use when just looking for a journal article.

The Professional Collection

The Professional Collection is a subset of *Academic OneFile*. It contains full-text articles from 250 journals for educators possibly not available through the ERIC/EBSCO partnership. It also includes content on child health and development. Students should make sure to check the boxes marked full-text and peer-reviewed before launching a search.

ProQuest Education Journals

ProQuest Education Journals is a subset of *ProQuest Central*. It contains full-text articles from about 260 education-related journals possibly not available through the ERIC/EBSCO partnership. Students should check full-text, peer-reviewed, and scholarly journals before launching a search.

Students enrolled in any of the education majors at Wor-Wic are required to take courses covering human growth and development, educational psychology, and educational history and theory. These classes require PowerPoint presentations and small papers covering basic theories in child and adolescent development and educational psychology and theory. Some of this information is not easily found in journals.

Credo Reference

Credo Reference provides access to articles in reference books covering child psychology, adolescent psychology, child development and educational theory and practice. The following titles are a sample of what might be useful:

The Blackwell Handbook of Adolescence
Elsevier's Dictionary of Psychological Theories
Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science
Encyclopedia of School Psychology
Encyclopedia of Special Education
Gender and Education: an Encyclopedia
Handbook of Adolescent Psychology
Handbook of Child Psychology
Handbook of Research on Teaching the English Language Arts
Handbook of Research on the Education of Young Children
Key Concepts in Developmental Psychology
Key Concept inn Early Childhood Education and Care
Key Concepts in Education
Key Topics in Teaching Primary Mathematics
The Wiley Blackwell Handbook of Childhood Cognitive Development
The Wiley Blackwell Handbook of Childhood Social Development

Education students are also expected to pass the PRAXIS I exam before transferring to a bachelor's degree program to finish their education and certification. Students needing to study for this test may benefit from *The Testing and Education Resource Center*.

The Testing and Education Resource Center

The Testing and Education Reference Center has the potential to be very useful to Wor-Wic students. It provides access to online books and practice tests for a long list of college placement exams, licensing exams, military qualification exams, graduate school entrance exams, etc.

It includes the following for those studying for the PRAXIS tests.

Online Books - *Master the PRAXIS I: PPST Exam, Master the PRAXIS II Exam*
Online Practice Tests – PRAXIS I