Literature Review

Qualitative Research Methods RSMT 2500

**Topic**

*Does taking non-prescribed ADHD medication such as Methylphenidate, Adderall, Ritalin or Dexedrine increase the academic performance of a college student?*

Search Discover [http://library.humber.ca/](http://library.humber.ca/)

**Keyword Development** – phrase searching

1. *Simple narrow search strategy using quotes*
   - “college students” “prescription stimulants” “academic performance” = 297 results

2. *A more complex broader search strategy using the connector OR in parentheses for more results*
   - (college students OR undergraduates) (prescription stimulants OR NPS) “academic performance” = 4,387 results

3. *Adding medication names to search strategy*
   - (college students OR undergraduates) (Methylphenidate OR Adderall OR Ritalin OR Dexedrine) “academic performance” = 1,047 results

4. *Adding “qualitative research” to search strategy*
   - “college students” “prescription stimulants” “academic performance” ”qualitative research” = 25 results

5. *Adding “literature review” to search strategy*
   - “college students” “prescription stimulants” “academic performance” “literature review” = 45 results

Brainstorm descriptors or synonyms and look for keywords supplied in the article to broaden your search results.

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Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Filter your results. On the left-hand side of the page filter by selecting:

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Article that I found using the keywords listed above


Advocacy or Consumer Position Papers

On the library homepage, https://library.humber.ca/ select More Options under the Discover box to find the Database List and select the letter ‘C’ for the Canadian Documents Collection.

- Canadian Documents Collection

Also, search for resources by going to the websites of organizations, government agencies, non-profit agencies, professional associations, educational institutions and commercial enterprises, using the operators shown below. You may additional research in the form of reports, working papers, newsletters, documents, conference proceedings, pamphlets etc.

These operators indicate the type of entity.

- site:org for organizations for example ADHD site:org
- site:com for commercial enterprises
- site:edu for educational institutions
- site:gov for government departments
**Media Sources**

On the library homepage https://library.humber.ca/ select More Options under the Discover box and select NEWS

- Canadian Newsstream
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- CBCA Complete
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- Infotrac Newsstand (Canadian, US and international newspapers plus local Ontario newspapers)

**Research Analyst LibGuide**

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