

Advanced PubMed Searching

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Intended Audience: Librarians, library technicians, or anyone interested in developing their searching skills in PubMed.

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Summary: This half-day course is designed to help you enhance your searching skills in PubMed. Through demonstration, hands-on practice, and small group discussion, you'll learn how to utilize advanced searching capabilities in PubMed, and to search with confidence and understanding of how the database interprets your search commands. Participants are encouraged to bring "problems" they have experienced when searching PubMed for discussion. Basic familiarity of PubMed is required.

Method of Delivery: Three methods of instruction will be utilized to teach this course:

- 1. Demonstration:** The course will begin with a demonstration of PubMed to ensure all participants have a basic understanding of the database and its basic features.
- 2. Hands-on Practice:** Participants will have the opportunity to follow along with search examples and experiment with the different functions and filters that are available within **PubMed**.
- 3. Small Group Work and Discussion:** Search examples will be presented to small groups to test and experiment their newfound skills.

This course is meant to be highly interactive so that participants leave with the actual (not theoretical) skills and ability to execute comprehensive searches. Participant involvement and interaction will be encouraged throughout the demonstration, hands-on practice, and small group work.

Accredited: until May 2018