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ProQuest Dissertations Tutorial

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Welcome to the Biola University Library.

This tutorial will help you access full-text dissertations using the database, ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

Begin at the library website: biola.edu/library

Because the Everything tab does not include dissertations, click on the Databases tab.

Enter Dissertations and click Search.

Select ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

Now we can search the database.

To search for a dissertation by title, enter the title.

I will paste, a collective pedagogical narrative of African-American male counselor educators, and select Document Title and click Search.

There is the dissertation.

We can click Abstract/Details, Preview PDF, or read the entire dissertation by clicking Full-Text PDF.

You may also order a print copy instead of searching by title.

We can also look for dissertations on a certain topic.

I will click Advanced Search and enter Autism.

The database now asks where we want to search for this information: Anywhere, Anywhere Except the Full Text of the dissertation, the Abstract, All Subject and Indexing Terms which are like researcher hashtags, Author, Document Text, Document Title which is the title of the Dissertation. Ignore Publication Title which is the title of a journal or a conference publication.

I will keep the default Anywhere.

A search can also be limited by Advisor, Author or University/Institution. Use the Look Up feature to make sure you have the correct term.

I will look up Biola. Use the university name rather than the name of a school within the university. I will select Biola University and click Add to Search.

You may also select a Manuscript Type, Language, Source Type or Document.

I will now click Search.

There are 25 dissertations from Biola University that include the keyword Autism anywhere in the document.

In this tutorial, we have searched by Document Title, keywords located Anywhere, and dissertations from Biola University.

By using the options on this Advanced Search page, you will soon find the dissertations that you need for your research.

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Thank You.