If you are just starting a research project, some of the specialized encyclopedias and other reference type works listed below can be a good place to begin. These titles can:

- Provide you with an overview and historical background;
- Help you broaden or narrow your topic;
- Give you some suggestions for additional research.

The following reference works all contain information on some aspect of athletic training, sports psychology or physical education. They are located in the Reference Collection and are listed in call number order.

*Stedman's Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing*. REF/R/121/.S8/2012
*Physicians’ Desk Reference*: PDR. REF/RD/75/.P5/2012

**ONLINE REFERENCE SOURCES**

*Credo Reference*  
Gateway to searching over 500 reference books in a broad range of subjects, including sport injuries and athletic training.
Gale Virtual Reference Library
Database of encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. Below is an example of a keyword search on rotator cuff

Oxford Reference Online
Brings together language and subject reference works from one of the world’s biggest reference publishers into a single cross-searchable resource.

FINDING MATERIAL IN THE ONLINE CATALOG

You can look for materials in the library's online catalog by author, title or subject or keyword. The online catalog has some powerful searching features, such as limiting your search to location, language, etc. You may access the library’s catalog by going to the library web page (www.library.ehc.edu). Please note that this catalog includes Kelly Library’s holdings as well as the libraries of King College, and the public libraries of Washington and Tazewell counties. Since this group is known as Holston Associated Libraries, you may hear the catalog referred to as HAL. With your student ID card, you may check out materials from all of these libraries.

Below is a search in our online catalog (HAL). The top view is a screen shot of the results of a SUBJECT search using the term sports medicine. On the bottom is a screen shot of a full record with complete bibliographic and location information.
As you use the catalog, you will most likely see an icon consisting of a red book with an “e” on it. This refers to one of our collections of electronic books, EBSCO eBook Collection (formerly NetLibrary). You can access these titles through the catalog, or by EBSCO eBook Collection’s own search engine, which you can find under the EBSCO eBook Collection link on the Journal Articles and Databases list.

Below is a very small sampling of subject headings you may find useful. In addition, body parts (for example KNEE—CARE AND HYGIENE, BACK—DISEASES, etc.) can be used, as can specific sports injuries (RUNNING INJURIES, FOOTBALL INJURIES, etc.) Names of sports and activities will work, and so will personal names.
Kelly Library subscribes to several online full-text and partially full-text databases that would be helpful in locating material for your research assignments on the subjects of athletic training, physical education and related areas. You may access them from the college web page (www.library.ehc.edu) by clicking on Journal Articles and Databases.

**Annual Reviews**
Summarizes scholarship in biomedical, physical and social science fields. Below is a search on (anterior cruciate ligament OR ACL) AND rehabilitation.

**EBSCO Databases**

*Academic Search Complete*
This database offers more than 7,900 full-text periodicals as well as indexing and abstracts for more than 11,900 journals and greater than 12,600 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, and more. Covers topics ranging from astronomy to zoology.

*Consumer Health Complete*
A full-text, comprehensive resource for consumer-oriented health content that is designed to foster an overall understanding of health-related topics covering all areas of health and wellness.
See example search below on a subject search on knee injury and how to narrow down the search results.

**ERIC**
A partially full-text database covering education, including physical education.
**Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**

Provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines and also features the Lexi-PAL Drug Guide. Following is a search on rehabilitation AND muscle stimulation.

**Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection** (partially full text) also from EBSCO covers psychology and related fields to include some journals in Athletic Training. This database complements PsycINFO and PsycARTICLES (both of which are from APA PsychNET).

**MEDLINE** (indexing / abstracting only)

A comprehensive database of biomedical literature produced by the National Library of Medicine. See the screen shot below for a sample search in MEDLINE. It shows the results of a search in the medical literature on knee injuries AND female AND running. There are many limiting options you can use to tailor your search.
**General OneFile**

A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, **health care**, hobbies, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, **science**, social science, **sports**, technology, and many general interest topics. Millions of full-text articles, many with images. Updated daily.

Below is a sample **Keyword** search on **heat stress AND football** with a limiter of **peer-reviewed** publications.

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**Human Kinetics Physical Education and Sports Management/Rehabilitation Journals** (full text)

Search abstracts of all the Human Kinetics journals. The following five journals are **full text**: *International Journal of Athletic Therapy & Training* (formerly known as *Athletic Therapy Today*), *Journal of Sport Management*, *Journal of Sport Rehabilitation*, *Journal of Teaching in Physical Education*, and *Sociology of Sport Journal*. These can all be accessed from the **Human Kinetics Journals** link on the **Journal Articles & Databases** page.
**JSTOR** (full text)
About 300 scholarly titles. Articles are full text from volume 1, issue 1 of each title. Time lag of 3-5 years.

**PubMed Central** (full text)
A digital archive of free life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

**World Catalog** (indexing only)
It is not full-text, but it is a database of millions of records of books and other items. If you cannot find material in the library catalog, this would be a good place to identify titles on a subject and then request them through interlibrary loan.

**What If an Article Is Not Full Text?**

What do you do if you find some articles whose titles look good, but are not full text in the database you are searching? Let’s go back a citation from the search in **General OneFile** that you see in the example below. It is not full text.

You can do a journal title search in our **E-Journal by Title** list, and you can see that this periodical is full-text in another database (**Human Kinetics**). So although this article is not full-text in **General OneFile**, you do have full-text access to it in another database.
What if it is not available full text in any other databases Kelly Library subscribes to? Go to the online catalog and do a title search. If the library has a subscription to the periodical, there will be a record in the catalog. If the library does not have either electronic or paper access to a periodical, you will need to request a copy of the article through interlibrary loan. This service is described later in this guide.

Can I Get to These Databases from Off-Campus?

If you are off-campus and would like to access the subscription databases, it’s easy to do. Simply type in the library’s URL (www.library.ehc.edu), go to the Journal Articles & Databases link, and then select a database. When you click on that first database, you will be asked to enter your user name and password, just as if you were using a computer in one of the campus labs. Or click on the Off-Campus Access link at the top of the library web page. If you are still having trouble, please speak with a librarian.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Although Kelly Library has a large collection of periodicals, books and full-text databases, you will find citations to materials this library does not own. The library staff will try to borrow these items for you through the interlibrary loan process. Please carefully choose items to request and double-check the E-Journal by Title list and the online catalog to be sure that Kelly Library does not already own the material. Also, the library staff asks that you do not submit more than 10 requests for returnable material at one time. You should allow around 5-7 days for your requests to arrive.

To request items through interlibrary loan, you will need to register (one time only) on ILLiad, our online ordering system. The interlibrary loan link is under the Services link on the library main page. If you need help registering or ordering, please ask a library staff member for assistance.
Whenever you quote an author’s exact words or use his or her unique ideas, you must credit that source to avoid plagiarism. Academic fields have various documentation systems to credit the authors. Kelly Library has the MLA Handbook, Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations (Turabian), Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, The Chicago Manual of Style and the 10th ed. of the AMA Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors (REF.R119.A533 2007) on permanent reserve at our Circulation Desk. Use the style requested by your instructor. James Madison University has a good handout on AMA citation style – (http://www.lib.jmu.edu/citation/amaguide.pdf). Tutors at the E&H Writing Center can help you with composition and grammar matters. The Writing Center is located in MS 233, please call x6723 for hours and contact numbers.

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