Searching EBSCO Databases, e.g.:

Business Source Complete, CINAHL, Education Research Complete

Tips for using this family of databases effectively

Use an * to retrieve all forms of a word, e.g., crim* will result in criminal, criminals, criminality, criminally

Enclose phrases in quotation marks to keep the words together, e.g. "public sector"

Consider using the Thesaurus to check and/or find search vocabulary.
Click on More to see any available indexes; these may provide search vocabulary or shortcuts

Change the search type to Abstract
When the results appear:
- Look at the Refine Search options to the left of the search results below the search boxes. The choices vary from one database to another; they allow you to limit 'on the fly'.
- Look at the complete record for the item - notice the Subject Terms, keywords, other vocabulary. Notice the fields and their content.

Use Search History to view and possibly to join previous searches

Folder icon = "Mark Record"; "Folder has Items" = "Marked List"

NOTE: If there is a "Full Text" link, use that; do NOT select the Get It @ VCU button.
Do NOT use Get It @ VCU for books, book chapters or dissertations. Search for books using VCU Libraries Advanced Search. Search for dissertations by title in Dissertations & Theses Full Text.

After you get a sense of how many results will be returned, you will probably want to start limiting on the Search page, e.g., choose 'peer reviewed,' set a date range; select 'article.'

NOTE: My EBSCO feature allows you to save searches