CLED 600 – Education Research Complete Search Examples
These examples and tips are very close to the examples and discussion used in class

Assume you are looking in Education Research Complete for materials on the same topic you searched in ERIC, i.e., research articles addressing ethics and counseling. The Thesaurus in this database is not the same as ERIC’s Thesaurus, so check your terms.

1. USE THE THESAURUS TO CHECK AND DISCOVER SEARCH VOCABULARY
Note: This thesaurus does allow you to use the asterisk (*)
Check ethics
- Select Thesaurus
- Type ethic* into the Browsing: Education Thesaurus box, select term contains
- Interestingly there is no single term ethics; ethic, ethics, or ethical are all used with other words
- Note the phrase ethical problems; you might consider adding it to your search

Check counseling
- Type counsel* into the Browsing: Education Thesaurus box, select term contains
- Explore several of the terms; try school counsel*
- Education Research Complete uses student counselors instead of school counselors, and it does not use school counseling at all.

When you look at a thesaurus, you are gathering search vocabulary, and in this case we have found at least three phrases for school counselors: student counselors, elementary school counselors, high school counselors
2. CONSTRUCT A SEARCH FOR ARTICLES
[Note: All the EBSCO databases (Business Source Complete, Academic Search Complete) are similar]
Select Advanced Search below the search box at the top of the page. Try the same search strategy you used in ERIC, but add the additional terms:

1st line – ethic*
2nd line – "student counsel*" OR "school counsel*" OR "elementary school counsel*" OR "high school counsel**"
Select Scholarly peer reviewed journals to limit the results to articles in scholarly journals
There will be around 250+ results

3. REVISI NG BASED ON RESULTS
Note that the word research appears as a subject on some of the results. To limit the results to research studies, enter the following as the 3rd line of the search:

3rd line – research OR study
Use the dropdown menu to change Select a Field to Abstract or Author-Supplied Abstract
Leave the peer reviewed box checked
There will be about 110+ results

4. GENERAL ADVICE - EXAMINING AND EVALUATING ARTICLES
You can readily see the entire article abstract. Click on the title to reveal the entire record for the item.

Note the subject terms and keywords applied to the item. Note significant words used in the abstract. You may want to incorporate words you find into your searching. Note authors.

Look for Cited References and Times Cited links. Cited References will be articles written before the reference; Times Cited will be articles written after the reference.

NOTE: You may want to go back to ERIC and use the 2nd line terms above to see if additional results will appear.