

# Guide to Finding Peer Reviewed, Scholarly Journals

## How to Search for Journal Articles

Although some journals do not have open access to the public, searching for journal articles is very easy. For those using computers, the simplest way is to use a search engine (i.e. Google, Yahoo, or Bing). If the name of the journal is already known, type it into the search engine. This way, it will be the first title to come up in the search. Once the journal name is chosen, it will be easier to search and find the article on the journal's website. If the name of the journal is not known, just type in the subject line the topic you are looking for. For example, if you are looking for elder abuse journal articles, write "journal articles about elder abuse" or "peer reviewed elder abuse journal articles." Doing it this way will allow the search engine to know exactly what you want to find.

Not all journals are free. However, there are a few ways to access the articles. First, if you are willing to pay for the article, go right ahead! Most journal sites allow the reader to sign up for a subscription. It would be just like a magazine or newspaper subscription. Once you subscribe, you will have access to all of the articles they offer (Note: there may be a renewal process, but every journal subscription is different.) Many journals also allow you to buy a single article - using an online link.

Secondly, current students will most likely have access to many journals. Usually, going to the university's/college's library website and logging into the web portal will allow the student to open and search for scholarly and peer reviewed journal articles. Although some journals will only have an abstract description, there are usually links to follow to obtain the full article, typically in pdf or html format. Furthermore, university/college alumni may have access to scholarly articles. To find out, contact the university/college library, or even the alumni association. The website will probably ask for log-in information. If you remember your information, enter it. If not, talk to the librarians and they may be able to point you in the right direction. Also, if you believe a friend, coworker, or relative has access to such databases, do not hesitate to ask. It can make all the difference in your research to have journal articles supporting the argument.

Another way to search journal articles is to go to your local university library. Ask the librarian how to find and read journals. There may be some kind of database they allow the public to use. Remember, if you are looking for a journal, or even decide to settle on a book dealing with medicine, public health, or law, there may be separate libraries to match with its rightful school.

It is also possible to access scholarly journals on Google Scholar. As you would search in any search engine, type the topic into the subject line. Many of their articles will

provide links to the entire article, but some of them will only show partial information (where to locate them.)

## List of Aging Journals

### 1. "Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect"

- Peer reviewed quarterly journal.
- Looks at advances in research, policy, and practice surrounding abuse and neglect of older adults.
- Also provides essential information used in clinical, political, and educational settings.

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t792303995~db=all>

### 2. "Journal of Gerontological Social Work"

- Peer reviewed journal.
- Explores relevant issues of today's growing aging population – social work practice, theory, administration, and consultation.

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t792304007~db=all>

### 3. "The Gerontologist"

- A bi-monthly journal.
- Gives a multidisciplinary perspective on the process of aging.
- Looks at social policy, program development, and service delivery.

<http://gerontologist.oxfordjournals.org/>

### 4. "Geriatrics & Gerontology International"

- Official journal of the Japan Geriatrics Society.
- Although the home base is in Japan, the articles are aimed at all countries with a large aging population.
- Journal includes case reports, letters to the editor, and abstracts from various articles.

<http://www.wiley.com/bw/journal.asp?ref=1444-1586>

### 5. "The Journal of the American Medical Association"

- An international peer reviewed general medical journal.
- Published 48 times a year.
- Wants to inform the public about the art of science and medicine.
- Not just aimed at one population, but all populations including the aged.

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/>

### 6. "Journal of Aging Research"

- Peer reviewed, open access journal.

- Publishes original research articles, review articles, and clinical studies related to the aging field.

<http://www.sage-hindawi.com/journals/jar/>

**7. “Journal of Aging Studies”**

- Offers new interpretations that challenge existing theory and empirical work in the field of aging.
- Talks about the aging experience in general – broad concerns.

[http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws\\_home/620198/description](http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/620198/description)

**8. “Research on Aging”**

- Peer reviewed journal that is published bi-monthly.
- Reflects on the expanding role of research in the field of aging.
- Serves as an international forum on the aging process as a whole.

<http://roa.sagepub.com/>