How to Begin Research

Compile a list of subject key words
Synonyms
Check the spelling
Start Small

Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering additional information.

Create a rough outline. Based on the information you have already collected write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

Where to Look for information

Books - in depth overviews or historic background on a subject

Database - For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area

Internet - for demographic statistics or current information that has not yet been published academically

Call 406-275-4875 for off-campus database access.
WEBSITES
American Psychological Association
apa.org
National Institute of Mental Health
nimh.nih.gov
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
samhsa.gov
Addictive and Mental Disorders Division of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
dphhs.mt.gov/amdd
Montana Health Data and Statistical reports
dphhs.mt.gov/statisticalinformation
National Center for Disease Control-Mental Health Statistics
cdc.gov/mentalhealth
Office of Minority Health of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
minorityhealth.hhs.gov
US Census Bureau-Native American/Alaska Native Information
census.gov/aian/

Journals
Counselor: The Magazine for Addiction Professionals
BF 637 .C6 M3
Journal of Counseling Psychology
BF 637 .C6 J6
Psychology Today
BF 1 .P79

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   PsycARTICLES
   PsycBooks
   PsycINFO
   EBSCO Discovery Service
Gale Power Search
   Academic OneFile
   InfoTrac Newsstand
   Psychology Collection
NewsBank
   Special Reports
Ethnic NewsWatch
   Health and Science
      MedLine
      ToxLine

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BOOKS
BF: Psychology
   BF 309-499 Consciousness
   BF 511-593 Affection, Feeling, Emotions
   BF 636-637 Applied Psychology
   BF 692-692.5 Psychology of Sexual Behavior
   BF 698-698.9 Personality
   BF 712-724.85 Developmental psychology: including infant psychology, child psychology, adolescence, and adulthood
HV: Social Pathology
   HV 5001-5720.5 Alcoholism
   HV 5725-5770 Tobacco habit
   HV 5800-5840 Drug Habits, Drug abuse
RC: Internal Medicine
   RC 435-571 Psychiatry
   RC 475-489 Therapies and Treatments
   RC 537 Depression
   RC 552 Eating Disorders
   RC 554-569.5 Personality disorders, behavior problems: including sexual problems, drug abuse, suicide, and child abuse

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