

# Getting Started Guide

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## About

The Research Clearinghouse for K-12 Blended and Online Learning is a collaborative effort led by the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) and the *Michigan Virtual Research Institute*<sup>™</sup> (MVRLI<sup>™</sup>) to provide a repository of references to research articles and other publications from the field of K-12 online and blended learning. This project was made possible by generous support from Next Generation Learning Challenges and in-kind support from iNACOL and the *Michigan Virtual University*<sup>®</sup>.

This Clearinghouse project evolved from the University of Florida's Virtual School Clearinghouse (VSC), a website initially sponsored by the BellSouth Foundation and later by the AT&T Foundation that sought to aggregate and analyze data from virtual schools. The VSC housed collections of resources including research on virtual schooling, instruments used to evaluate virtual schooling, and websites dedicated to the topic of K-12 online learning. Dr. Rick Ferdig, who led the development of the VSC, has kindly shared hundreds of citations from the VSC to provide starting point for the Clearinghouse. This project was also made possible with the help of the iNACOL Research Committee.

To find more information about the Clearinghouse, click [here](#).

## Recommended Browsers

For the best experience, we recommend using either Chrome or Firefox as your web browser.

## Location

The Research Clearinghouse for K-12 Blended and Online Learning is located at <http://k12onlineresearch.org>.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Research Clearinghouse. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Michigan Virtual Learning Research Institute logo on the left, the site title "Research Clearinghouse for K-12 Blended & Online Learning" in the center, and the iNACOL logo on the right. Below the navigation bar, there is a "Login" button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains an "About the Clearinghouse:" section with a paragraph of text, followed by a "Search Clearinghouse:" section with a search form. The search form includes an "Abstract and Title Search" box, three "Author" input fields with "OR" dropdowns, three "Keyword" input fields with "OR" dropdowns, a "Year" dropdown, a "Reference Type" dropdown, and a "Bibliography" dropdown. There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons at the bottom of the search form. The right column contains a "Project Partners" section with links to Michigan Virtual University and iNACOL, a "Current Project Contributors" section with links to COLSD, CANeLearn, Quality Matters, Evergreen Education Group, and DEANZ, a "Past Project Contributors" section with a link to Virtual School Clearinghouse, and an "Other Helpful Links" section with links to Getting Started Guide and Project Contributor Guidelines. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: "Copyright © 2015, Michigan Virtual University. All Rights Reserved."

## Searching the Clearinghouse

1. Enter search terms into the Abstract and Title Search box.
2. You can select among drop-down options to choose which fields to search. You can also use the AND, OR, NOT drop-down menus on the left to narrow the results further by including or excluding specific phrases, words or article types.
3. Click the **Search** button to submit your query.

**Search Clearinghouse:**

Blended Learning

Author -

OR - Author -

OR - Author -

Keyword -

OR - Keyword -

OR - Keyword -

Year -

Reference Type -

Bibliography -

Search Clear

Detailed description: This screenshot shows the search interface with the text 'Blended Learning' entered in the top search box. Below it are two sections for field selection. The first section has three rows, each with a dropdown menu (currently set to 'Author') and an 'OR' dropdown menu. The second section has three rows, each with a dropdown menu (currently set to 'Keyword') and an 'OR' dropdown menu. At the bottom, there are four more dropdown menus for 'Year', 'Reference Type', and 'Bibliography'. Two red arrows point to the 'Blended Learning' input box and the 'Search' button.

## Search by Topics by Keywords

1. Search citations by using the Keyword field.
2. You can select among drop-down options to choose which fields to search. You can also use the AND, OR, NOT drop-down menus on the left to narrow the results further by including or excluding specific phrases, words or article types.
3. Click the **Search** button to submit your query.

**Search Clearinghouse:**

Abstract and Title Search

Author -

OR - Author -

OR - Author -

online assessment -

OR - Keyword -

OR - Keyword -

Year -

Reference Type -

Bibliography -

Search Clear

Detailed description: This screenshot shows the search interface with 'online assessment' entered in the 'Abstract and Title Search' box. The field selection options are the same as in the previous screenshot, but the 'Keyword' dropdowns are selected. Two red arrows point to the 'online assessment' input box and the 'Search' button.

### Search by Year, Reference Type and/or Bibliography

1. Select a year or multiple years by placing a check mark in the appropriate box or boxes from the Year drop-down menu and/or,
2. Choose the appropriate Reference Type(s) from the drop-down menu, and/or
3. Select a Bibliography option from the drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Search** button to submit your query.

**Search Clearinghouse:**

Abstract and Title Search

Author [v]  
 OR [v] Author [v]  
 OR [v] Author [v]

online assessment [v]  
 OR [v] Keyword [v]  
 OR [v] Keyword [v]

2016,2015,2014 [v]  
 Online Database [v]  
 Bibliography and Abstract [v]

Search Clear

### Search by Project Contributor

1. Select a linked project contributor under “Current Project Contributors” in the left navigation menu.
2. Search for the project contributor in the keyword search field.

Login

**Project Partners**

[Michigan Virtual University](#)

[iNACOL](#)

**Current Project Contributors**

[COLSD](#)

[CANeLearn](#)

[Quality Matters](#)

[Evergreen Education Group](#)

[DEANZ](#)

**Past Project Contributors**

[Virtual School Clearinghouse](#)

**Other Helpful Links**

[Getting Started Guide](#)

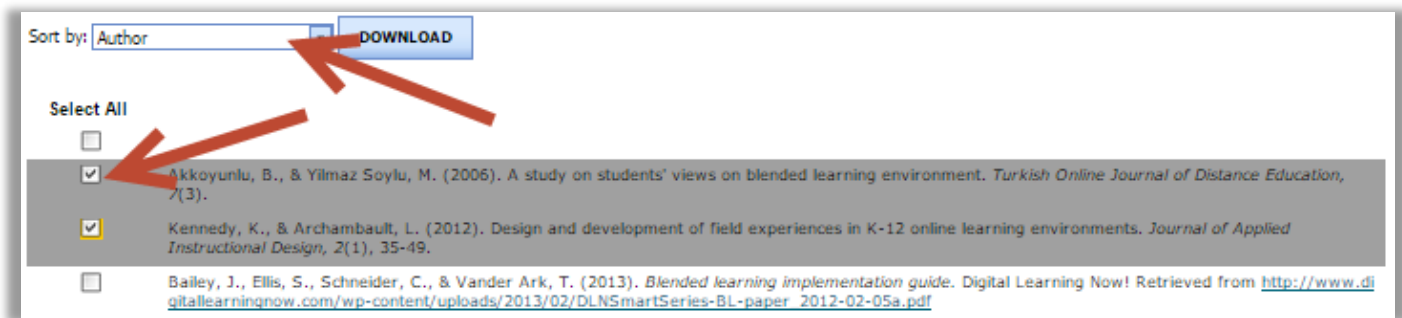
[Project Contributor Guidelines](#)

The project contributor’s website will open in a new window. Use the site to locate resources they have shared.

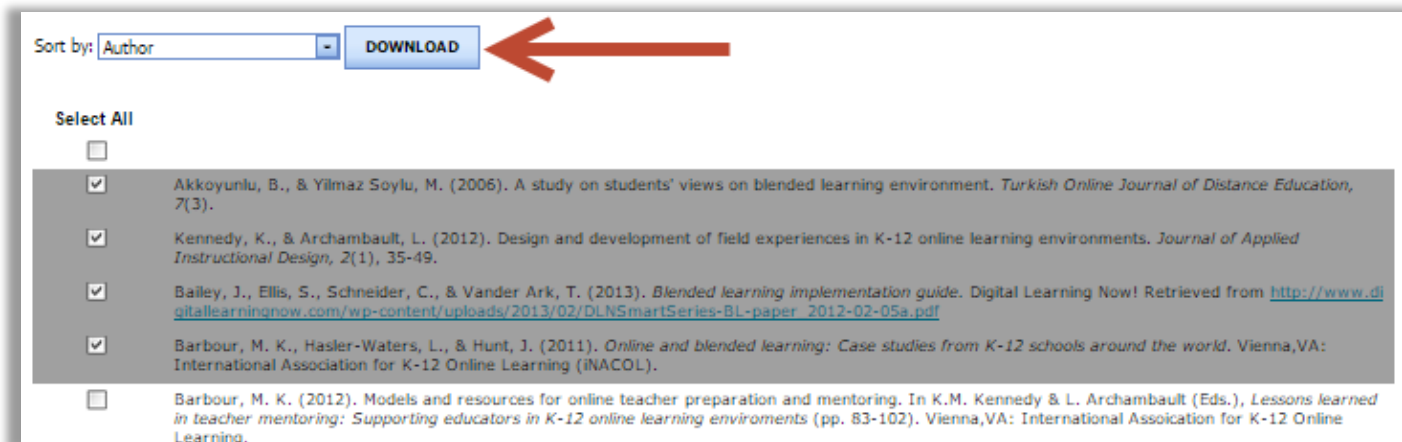
## Record Results

### Download Citations

1. Use the **Sort by** drop-down to sort your results by author or year.
2. To select records, place a check in the box to the left of the record(s).  
**Note:** Optionally, you can click the box just below “Select All” to check all returned results.



3. Once all desired records have been selected, click the **Download** button at the top of the page.



4. Your selected citation(s) will be downloaded as Microsoft Word files.  
**Note:** In order to download citations that include an abstract, “Bibliography and Abstract” must be selected from the final dropdown before conducting your search.

Sort by: Author

DOWNLOAD

Select All

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