


PBL Learning Needs Research Checklist: A Guide for PBL Students

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Learning Objectives

- Use PBL Learning Needs Research Checklist to prioritize use of library resources to find information on your Learning Needs topic
 - Demonstrate with the use of keywords how to search in library resources for information on their LN
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PBL Learning Needs Research Checklist

Ready to do research on your PBL Learning Need, but don't know where to start?

Use this step-by-step [checklist](#) to help guide you through using library resources.

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2. Search within textbooks found on PBL Research Guide → Textbooks are organized by subject area; textbook selection varies by case	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Search within textbooks found on “Recommended Textbook List for PBL” → List of recommended textbooks , organized by subject area	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Search within textbooks in ebook collection databases using suggested keywords → List of ebook collections : Access Medicine, Clinical Key, R2 Digital Library, Stat!Ref	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Search for ebooks in USC Libraries Catalog using suggested keywords → USC Libraries Catalog search: limit results to Books	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Search in other databases using suggested keywords (if needed) → Databases & Clinical Tools : Lexicomp, UpToDate, Pubmed@USC	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Articles & Websites- view articles/websites from case guide, find & evaluate online sources (if needed) → sample Articles & Websites section : use list of trusted articles/websites from the guide before searching the internet	<input type="checkbox"/>

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How to use the checklist:

- Each step provides a link to the resource (or an example)
- Start with Step 1, then proceed to Step 2 where you will begin searching for information on your Learning Need topic using the suggested keywords
- Check off each step as you proceed down the list
- Stop once you find enough resources to answer your Learning Needs question

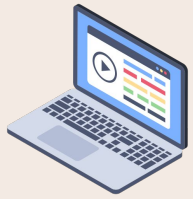
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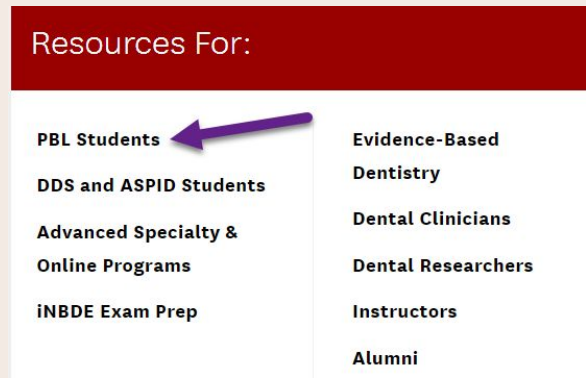


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Find your PBL Research guide



- From the WDL website, click on “PBL Students” in the *Resources for* box and you will reach the [PBL Students page](#)
- Check to see if your PBL case has a research guide
 - if not, proceed to “Recommended Textbooks for PBL”
- In general, there are only PBL Research Guides for cases covered in the first year



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2. Search Textbooks on guide & 3. “Recommended Textbooks for PBL”



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Textbooks



- The first page of each PBL Research Guide, features textbooks with relevance to the case. These textbooks are organized by biomedical subject area (anatomy, oral pathology, etc.)
- Click on the title of any books that might have information about your Learning Need and proceed to the full-text
- Once in the book, use “search within this book” tools to perform a keyword search within the specific book
 - View the research guide’s **Keywords** section for help with search terms related to your LN

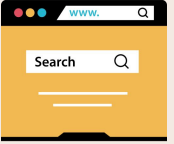
[Sample Textbooks Section](#)



“Recommended Textbooks for PBL”

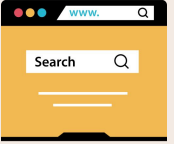
- The first page of each PBL Research guide also has a link to the [Recommended Textbooks for PBL](#) list
- The list arranges recommended textbooks by biomedical subject area (anatomy, oral pathology, etc.)
- Select a book from a category related to your Learning Need or do a keyword search
- **ebooks:** Search within the text using keywords from the case
- **Print books:** Visit [WDL](#) and browse the physical book

4. Search ebook collections



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Search e-book Collections



- The **Databases** section of each PBL Research guide features links to [e-book collections](#) (ebook databases)
- **E-book Collections:** Access Medicine, Clinical Key, R2 Digital Library, Stat!Ref
- Use keywords or browse subject areas to find information on your Learning Need

Note: Ebook collections feature more than just books (articles, monographs, etc.). Make sure you are only viewing books while searching.

5. Search USC libraries catalog

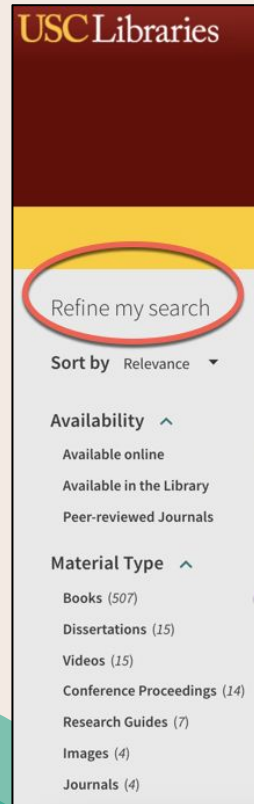
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Search USC Libraries Catalog

- The **Databases** section of PBL Research guides features a USC Libraries Catalog search bar
- Use suggested Keywords to search in the USC Libraries Catalog for e-books on your Learning Needs topic
- To limit to ebooks only, click: “Available Online” & “Books” under *Refine my search*
- Tutorials on using the USC Libraries Catalog:

[How to use USC Libraries' catalog to search for a book](#)

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Search Other Databases & Clinical Tools



Textbooks are the preferred source type for PBL Learning Needs research. If you can't find the information you need in a textbook, you may use other databases or clinical tools.

- The **Databases** section of PBL Research guides also features links to [databases & clinical tools](#).
- **Databases & Clinical Tools:** Lexi-comp for Dentistry, UpToDate, Pubmed@USC
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Articles & Websites: Find & Evaluate Online Sources



For certain Learning Needs you may not find the information you need in a textbook. In this case, it is acceptable to search for journal articles or trusted websites.

- Go to the **Articles & Websites** section of your PBL case guide to view any articles and websites with relevance to the case. The [Articles & Websites](#) section also features a list of Trusted Websites.
- If needed, you can use Google or other online sources to find the information you need. If you choose to use outside online sources, it is important to **Evaluate Your Sources**.
 - Please review the [Evaluating PBL Sources](#) section on the PBL case guide for guidance.

PBL Learning Need Research Checklist

Remember: This is just one way to conduct research on your Learning Need topic. As long as you are using the recommended library resources, you will be successful.

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