



WRITING GENRE PATHFINDER FOR HUMAN SERVICES

A Writing Genre Pathfinder is a guide to creating search strategies to find periodical articles related to a specific genre. These articles will also be related to your technology and used in your metacognitive analysis or discourse communities.

1. On the Delaware Tech Library Services web page (<http://library.dtcc.edu>), click on “Online Databases.” Next, click on “EBSCOhost” (a periodical database service) then on “EBSCOhost Web.”
2. Select one or more of the following full text databases, depending on your technology, by clicking on the box to the left of the database name, then clicking on the “Continue” button:

Academic Search Premier
MasterFILE Premier
Nursing & Allied Health Collection: Comprehensive
ERIC
Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
SocINDEX with Full Text

3. Type your topic into the “Find” box followed by the word “AND” along with one of the keywords from the bulleted lists related to your assigned metacognitive analysis genre. The topic you choose should be related to your technology but not the name of the technology itself.
4. Limit your search by clicking on the box next to the words “Full Text.”
5. Press “Enter” on your keyboard or click on “Search” to bring up the list of titles (Result List).
6. Click on a title to see the bibliographic detail screen, which includes an abstract of the article.
7. Click on the “Full Text” link to see the entire article. An HTML Full Text article will not contain the original page numbers or any of the original images included in the article. A PDF Full Text, on the other hand, will contain all of the original page numbers and images. It will look identical to the original article.
8. To print or email an article, use the blue “Print” or “E-mail” icons located above the article’s title. **If printing in the library, printouts are \$0.10 cents/page.**
9. Click on the “Result List” button on the EBSCOhost menu bar to return to the list of titles.
10. When you are finished with your research, be sure to completely log off the computer.

EXPLAINING A CONCEPT - defining for readers the meaning and importance of key ideas.

Keywords:

- Cause
- Describe
- Explain
- Theory
- Compare and contrast
- Define
- Effect
- Illustrate

Examples:

Technology:

- Drug & Alcohol Counseling
- Gerontology
- Human Services

Possible Topics

Group vs. Individual therapy, Twelve step programs
Senile dementia, Right to die, Elder abuse
Counseling techniques, Americans with Disabilities Act

CAUSE OR EFFECT - arguing to convince readers that certain causes or effects plausibly explain some event, trend, or phenomenon.

Keywords:

- Cause(s)
- Effect(s)
- Trend(s)
- Consequence(s)
- Change(s)

Examples:

- Effects of drug addiction or alcoholism on family members
- Effects of grandparents as parents on either the grandparent or grandchild
- Causes or effects of elder abuse

POSITION PAPER - arguing to convince readers to accept or seriously consider your position on a controversial issue.

Keywords:

- Controversy
- Argument
- Oppose
- Support
- Debate
- Ethics / Ethical
- Opposing view(s)
- Supporter(s)

Examples:

- Controversy regarding drug legalization
- Controversial issues regarding the use of drugs to treat childhood mental disorders
- Debate over elderly driving restrictions

PROPOSAL TO SOLVE A PROBLEM - arguing to convince readers to accept or seriously consider your proposed solution to a problem.

Keywords:

- Answer
- Feasibility
- Models
- Problem solving
- Resolution
- Surveys
- Design
- Implementation
- Planning
- Proposal
- Strategies

Examples:

- Proposed solution to the use of medication to treat ADHD
- Proposed solution to elder abuse in nursing homes