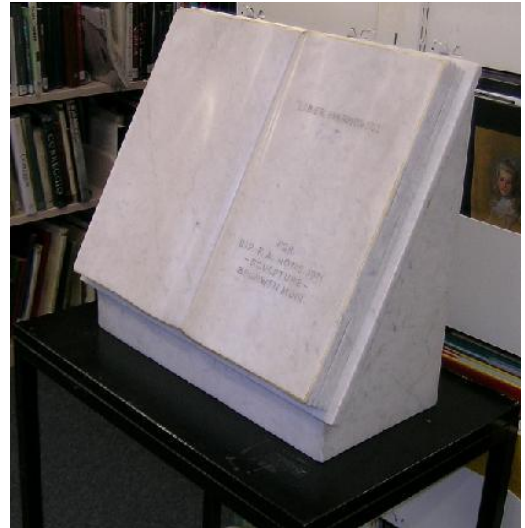


Theses and Dissertations: how to find them

Learning objectives

At the end of the course you will:

- Be able to select from the wide range of resources to find theses and dissertations
- Find University of Auckland theses in *The Catalogue* and *Voyager*
- Find theses from other New Zealand universities using *Te Puna National Union Catalogue*
- Find theses from overseas, using the databases *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses*, *Trove*, *Index to Theses*, *EThOS*, and other sources
- Understand the scope and coverage of databases
- Find some theses-in-progress



Liber Marmoreus, by Bronwen Muir
Dissertation (DipFA (Hons)) University of
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Guide to Theses and Dissertations

Available online:

Library Homepage >Research >Theses and Dissertations > Writing a Thesis>
Guide to Theses and Dissertations

1. INTRODUCTION

What's so special about theses and dissertations?

- Latest research in a field
- An important part of your literature review
- Typically unpublished and not widely available in libraries
- Increasing online access in recent years

There is no one source that lists all of the theses and dissertations, so you have to search in several different sources. The purpose of this course is to become familiar with the many sources available to identify and retrieve theses.

Terminology

What's the difference between *theses* and *dissertations*? Terminology varies in different countries. Sometimes a dissertation is for a PhD, but in other universities it might refer to the research component of an Honours degree. In this course the terms will be used interchangeably referring to all major post-graduate research work for Honours, Masters and Doctoral degrees.

2. HOW TO FIND A UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND THESIS

University of Auckland theses held in the Library are listed on *Voyager*.

Library homepage > Research > Theses and Dissertations

Theses and Dissertations

Search here for University of Auckland theses. For more information about finding theses and useful tips for those who are writing a thesis see the side menu links below.

Search

Search Voyager for University of Auckland PhD, Masters, and Honours Theses and Dissertations

Search As ▼



Thesis Type ▼

This search is looking only for University of Auckland theses and dissertations.

You can search for a specific thesis just like looking for a book on Voyager, if you know the author, title or do a subject or keyword search for the topic.

[?] is the truncation symbol in Voyager
Search for child? to find:
child, childhood, children

Our *Voyager* thesis search looks for the word *Auckland* in the Thesis Note as well as the keywords describing the topic. All of the other words in the catalogue can be searched as keywords: Titles, Notes, Summaries, and Subject Headings.

Database Name: The University of Auckland Library			
Search Request: Builder = (child? AND asthma?)[in Keyword Anywhere] AND (auckland)[in Theses]			
Search Results: Displaying 1 through 13 of 13 entries.			
 			
Sort by: <input type="text"/>			
#	Full Title	Author	Date
1	Management of children's asthma in primary care : are there ethnic differences in care? / Suzanne Marie Crengle.	Crengle, Suzanne Marie.	2008

The management of children's asthma in primary care : are there ethnic...

Author: [Crengle, Suzanne Marie.](#)

Title: The management of children's asthma in primary care : are there ethnic differences in care? / Suzanne Marie Crengle.

Published: 2008.

Thesis Note: Thesis (PhD--General Practice and Primary Health Care)--University of Auckland, 2008.

Description: 2 v. : ill. : 30 cm.

LC Subject Heading(s): [Asthma in children Treatment New Zealand.](#)
[Family medicine New Zealand.](#)
[Discrimination in medical care.](#)
[Minorities Medical care.](#)

Medical Subject Heading(s): [Asthma ethnology New Zealand.](#)
[Asthma therapy.](#)
[Asthma prevention & control New Zealand.](#)
[Healthcare Disparities New Zealand.](#)
[Child.](#)
[Ethnic Groups New Zealand.](#)
[Minority Groups New Zealand.](#)
[Primary Health Care New Zealand.](#)

Link to: [e-Thesis University of Auckland](#)

Location: *e-Resource*

Location: PHILSON LIBRARY Reference (Not borrowable)

Notes: Thesis Collection. Ask at the Lending Desk

Call Number: W4 C91 2008

Library Has: v. 1-2

Status: Available

All the theses in the catalogue have a Thesis Note, with the word *Thesis*, the degree, department, University, and year. The Voyager thesis search uses that note to identify University of Auckland theses.



Use **Intercampus Delivery** to request a thesis held at another University of Auckland library or Off-Campus Storage

3. BORROWING A PRINT THESIS

PHILSON LIBRARY - Theses may usually be borrowed from the Thesis Collection. Please ask at the Lending Desk.

OTHER UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND LIBRARIES

Architecture Library – Theses may be consulted on Short Loan, but not borrowed.

Davis Law Library - Theses may be consulted on Short Loan, but not borrowed.

Engineering Library – Theses may be borrowed from the Documents Room.

Epsom Library – Theses are held in the Epsom Library Stack. Where more than one copy is held the second copy may be borrowable as an ordinary book.

Fine Arts Library - Theses may be consulted on Short Loan, but not borrowed.

General Library:

There are usually two copies of each thesis.

- One is available for use only within the Library (and may be booked using the online form)
- The second copy is available for loan just like ordinary library books (and may be ordered from Off-Campus Storage)

Music Library – Theses may be borrowed. Ask at the Desk for them.

Tamaki Library - Theses may be borrowed from the Thesis Collection.

All University of Auckland theses and research essays can be used freely, other than a few restricted by an embargo. Embargoes usually relate to commercially sensitive research or occasionally potentially defamatory or material.

Example:

Location: GENERAL LIBRARY Thesis (1 Day Loan. Use online booking form)

Notes: Embargoed until October 2011.

4. ONLINE THESES IN RESEARCHSPACE

Library Website > Research > ResearchSpace

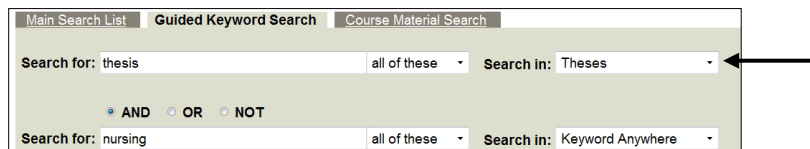
<http://researchspace.auckland.ac.nz/>

The screenshot shows the ResearchSpace@Auckland website. At the top, there is a blue header with the University of Auckland Library logo and a 'Login' link. Below the header is a navigation breadcrumb: 'University Home > Library > ResearchSpace Home'. The main content area is titled 'ResearchSpace@Auckland' and includes a description: 'ResearchSpace is a digital repository or online archive for The University of Auckland, and contains Full Text Theses and other Research Outputs.' It provides links for depositing PhD and Masters theses online and contact information. A search section titled 'Search ResearchSpace' has a text input field and a 'Go' button. Below that is a 'Communities in ResearchSpace' section with a list of communities and their item counts. On the right side, there is a sidebar with sections for 'Share', 'Search ResearchSpace' (with a search box and 'Go' button), 'Browse' (with a list of categories), 'My Account' (with 'Login' and 'Register' links), and 'Subscribe to RSS' (with 'RSS 1.0', 'RSS 2.0', and 'Atom 1.0' links).

HOW TO FIND THESES FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES

A few theses from other universities are held in the University of Auckland Library so check *Voyager* first.

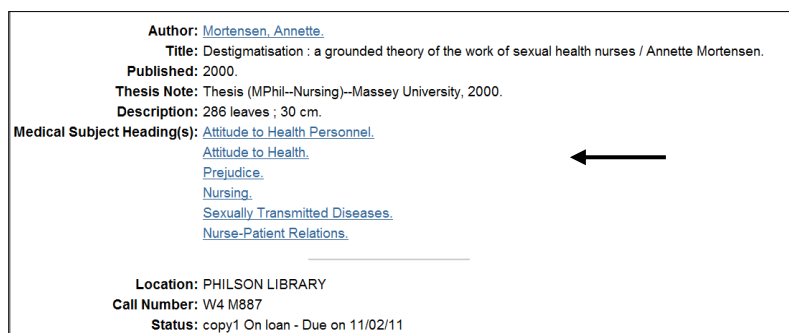
5. VOYAGER



The screenshot shows the Voyager search interface with three tabs: 'Main Search List', 'Guided Keyword Search', and 'Course Material Search'. The 'Guided Keyword Search' tab is active. The search criteria are: 'Search for: nursing', 'all of these', and 'Search in: Theses'. Below this, there are radio buttons for 'AND', 'OR', and 'NOT', with 'AND' selected. A second search bar shows 'Search for: nursing', 'all of these', and 'Search in: Keyword Anywhere'. An arrow points to the 'Theses' dropdown menu.

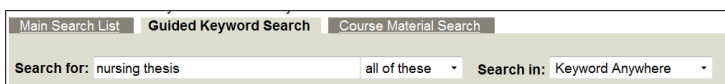
This search looks for theses about nursing held in the University of Auckland Library, but not restricted to theses from here. This catalogue search will find some theses from other universities, and sometimes books that were originally written as theses.

This thesis is from Massey University, but we have a copy here in our library.



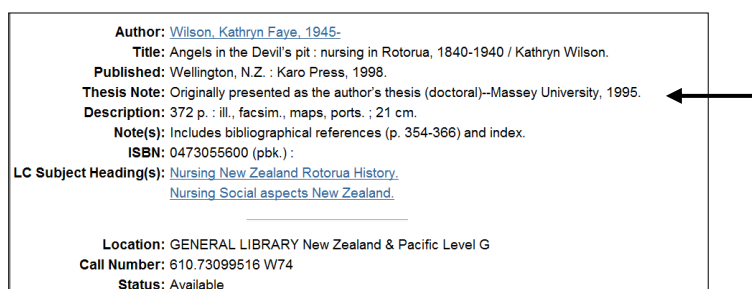
The screenshot shows a library record for a thesis. The author is [Mortensen, Annette](#). The title is 'Destigmatisation : a grounded theory of the work of sexual health nurses / Annette Mortensen'. It was published in 2000. The thesis note states it is a Thesis (MPhil--Nursing)--Massey University, 2000. The description is 286 leaves ; 30 cm. The Medical Subject Heading(s) are: [Attitude to Health Personnel](#), [Attitude to Health](#), [Prejudice](#), [Nursing](#), [Sexually Transmitted Diseases](#), and [Nurse-Patient Relations](#). The location is PHILSON LIBRARY, call number is W4 M887, and the status is 'copy1 On loan - Due on 11/02/11'. An arrow points to the subject headings.

Search for the keywords *thesis* and *nursing*. We aren't looking for a Thesis Note but just a reference to a thesis.



The screenshot shows the Voyager search interface with the 'Guided Keyword Search' tab active. The search criteria are: 'Search for: nursing thesis', 'all of these', and 'Search in: Keyword Anywhere'.

Our Library does not have the original thesis, but we do have a book based on it.



The screenshot shows a library record for a book. The author is [Wilson, Kathryn Faye, 1945-](#). The title is 'Angels in the Devil's pit : nursing in Rotorua, 1840-1940 / Kathryn Wilson'. It was published in Wellington, N.Z. : Karo Press, 1998. The thesis note states it is originally presented as the author's thesis (doctoral)--Massey University, 1995. The description is 372 p. : ill., facsim., maps, ports. ; 21 cm. The note(s) include bibliographical references (p. 354-366) and index. The ISBN is 0473055600 (pbk.). The LC Subject Heading(s) are: [Nursing New Zealand Rotorua History](#) and [Nursing Social aspects New Zealand](#). The location is GENERAL LIBRARY New Zealand & Pacific Level G, call number is 610.73099516 W74, and the status is 'Available'. An arrow points to the thesis note.

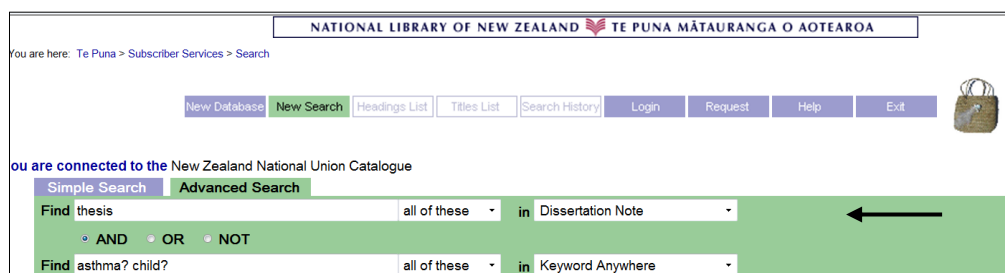
There are several other sources of information about theses from other New Zealand libraries, including *Te Puna* the national bibliographic database, and other library catalogues.

6. TE PUNA: NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL UNION CATALOGUE

- (1) Library Website > Databases > T > Te Puna: New Zealand National Union Catalogue
- (2) Click the **Connect** button
- (3) From the **Databases** menu select the first option
New Zealand National Union Catalogue
- (4) Click **Connect** to start your search



- (5) *Te Puna* and *Voyager* use the same searching techniques, although *Te Puna* has different terminology:
 - Command Search in *Te Puna* = *Voyager* Keyword Boolean Search
 - Advanced Search in *Te Puna* = *Voyager* Guided Keyword Search
 - Use the "Dissertation Note" field in *Te Puna* instead of the "Theses" field in *Voyager*.



Author: Davis, Catherine Elizabeth.
Title: Asthma self-management by young people : a qualitative analysis of strategies & barriers / by Catherine Elizabeth Davis.
Publisher: 1997.
Description: Book
 x, 189 leaves : ill. (some col.), forms ; 31 cm.
LC Call Number: RJ436.A8
LC Subject: Asthma in children --Psychological aspects --Case studies.
 Asthma in children --New Zealand --Case studies.
 Asthma --Treatment --New Zealand --Case studies.
 Self-care, Health --New Zealand --Case studies.
 Self-management (Psychology) for teenagers --New Zealand --Case studies.
Note: Thesis (M. Soc. Sc. Psychology)--University of Waikato, 1997.
 Includes bibliographical references (leaves 170-175)

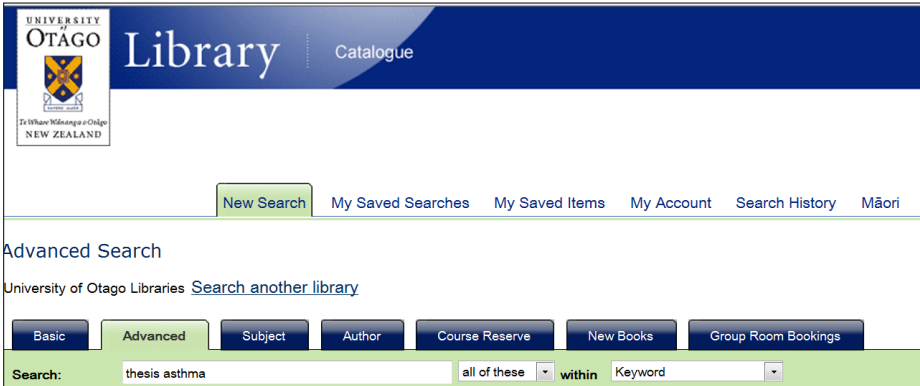
Searching *Te Puna* may find some theses from other countries, as well as all the New Zealand universities.

Use the **Detailed View** to see the Dissertation Note.

7. OTHER UNIVERSITY LIBRARY CATALOGUES


Te Puna does not have comprehensive coverage for all theses from every university within New Zealand, especially before 1990.

You may need to refer to the library catalogue from the university where the thesis is held.



The screenshot shows the University of Otago Library Catalogue search page. At the top left is the University of Otago logo with the text 'UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO' and 'Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtago NEW ZEALAND'. The main header is 'Library Catalogue'. Below the header are navigation links: 'New Search', 'My Saved Searches', 'My Saved Items', 'My Account', 'Search History', and 'Māori'. The 'Advanced Search' section includes a link to 'University of Otago Libraries Search another library'. Below this are buttons for 'Basic', 'Advanced', 'Subject', 'Author', 'Course Reserve', 'New Books', and 'Group Room Bookings'. The search bar contains the text 'thisis asthma' and has dropdown menus for 'all of these' and 'within' with 'Keyword' selected.

This thesis is in the University of Otago Library, but it wasn't found on *Te Puna*.

 **Asthma in childhood : a study of the incidence, trigger factors and management in New Zealand : a thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy to the University of Otago / Kenneth Porter Dawson.**
Dawson, Kenneth Porter, 1939-
1987
D272
multiple copies - check record for details, Ch: Canterbury Medical Library: Theses [Ask at Desk]

8. WORLDCAT

1. Library Website > Databases > W > WorldCat
2. Click the Connect button
3. Select the Advanced Search tab
4. Search for the word *thesis* in the "Material Type" field

The screenshot shows the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Home, Databases, and Searching. Under Searching, there are sub-tabs for Basic Search, Advanced Search, Expert Search, and Previous Searches. A 'Go to page' dropdown is also present. Below the navigation, there are icons for Subjects, News, and Help, and a status bar indicating 'Current database: WorldCat'. The main search area includes a search box with 'thesis' entered, a 'Material Type' dropdown, and two additional search criteria: 'child*' in the 'Keyword' field and 'asthma*' in the 'Keyword' field. There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the search criteria, there are filter options for 'Limit to' (Year, Language, Number of Libraries) and 'Limit type to' (Books, Visual Materials, Computer Files, Internet Resources, Serial Publications, Sound Recordings, Archival Materials, Continually Updated Resources, Articles, Musical Scores, Maps). There are also 'Subtype limits' and 'Limit availability to' options. At the bottom, there are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons.

WorldCat retrieves results from member libraries from around the world.

The screenshot shows search results for WorldCat. At the top, there are navigation tabs for All (1668), Books (1454), Internet (212), Visual (1), and Computer (1). Below the tabs, there are three search results:

- Intensive physical conditioning program for asthmatic children and changes in selected pulmonary measures**
Author: Schneider, Michael Roy. Publication: 1977
Dissertation: Thesis (M.A.)--Texas Woman's University, 1977.
Document: English : Book : Thesis/dissertation/manuscript : Microform Archival Material
Libraries Worldwide: 108
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author | Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)
- An experimental study of physical conditioning for asthmatic children**
Author: Franklin, Janice Carrie.
Publication: 1971
Dissertation: Thesis (M.A.)--Texas Woman's University, 1971.
Document: English : Book : Microform
Libraries Worldwide: 104
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author | Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)
- Exercise anxiety of trained asthmatic and nonasthmatic middle school females**
Author: Knapp, Phyllis Irene. Publication: 1990
Dissertation: Thesis (M.A.)--Texas Woman's University, 1990.
Document: English : Book : Thesis/dissertation/manuscript : Microform Archival Material
Libraries Worldwide: 100
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author | Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)

9. INTERLIBRARY LOAN OR PURCHASE

If these are not available online from a database or website it may be possible to get a copy from the university of origin.

Use the [Interlibrary Loan](#) link on the Library website.

For more information on ordering overseas theses please contact:

Kirsty Wilson
 Interlibrary Services Manager
 Interlibrary Loans & Document Delivery
 The University of Auckland Library | Te Tumu Herenga
 Auckland Mail Centre, Private Bag 92019
 Auckland 1142 New Zealand
 Ph: 64 9 3737599 ext. 88012 Fax: 64 9 3737092
 Email: ka.wilson@auckland.ac.nz
 Ariel: 130.216.68.145

It may be appropriate for a copy of a thesis to be purchased for the Library. Please contact your Subject Librarian to recommend a purchase.

10. UNION LIST

Earlier New Zealand theses not listed in online catalogues can be found in this printed list:

Union List of Higher Degree Theses in New Zealand Libraries which lists theses completed since 1910.

Copies are available in several places in the Library system:

GENERAL LIBRARY	NZ&P Quick Reference Level G	013.37895 U581
	Science Reference Level M	016.995 N53u
ENGINEERING LIBRARY		Z5055.N48 U53
EPSOM LIBRARY		013.9931 UNI

11. PRINT BIBLIOGRAPHIES

There are also some subject specific theses guides and bibliographies in the Library. To find subject specific theses guides and bibliographies do a Subject Heading search in *Voyager* using the subject headings:

Dissertations, Academic -- New Zealand -- Bibliography.

Dissertations, Academic – [other countries]

#	Subject Heading	Full Title	Author	Date
1	Dissertations, Academic--New Zealand--Bibliography.	Annotated bibliography of theses in social anthropology at the University of Auckland, 1955-1971 / Eleanor Rimoldi.	Rimoldi, Eleanor.	1986
Location: GENERAL LIBRARY New Zealand & Pacific Level G Call Number: 016.572 R57 Status: Available				

HOW TO FIND THESES FROM OVERSEAS

12. PROQUEST DISSERTATIONS & THESES (PQDT)

PQDT – SCOPE AND CONTENT

What is in the database?

- An index of 2.7 million doctoral dissertations and masters theses.
- The oldest dissertation is from 1861, but most are from the last 25 years.
- Abstracts are available for doctoral dissertations from 1980 onwards, and for masters theses from 1988.

Full-text online

- Over 930,000 theses, mostly from the last 10 years, are available online with full-text, and tens of thousands are added every year.
- These are PDF page images only; the full-text isn't searchable.
- The abstracts (up to 350 words) are fully searchable, along with other information such as author, title, and subject.

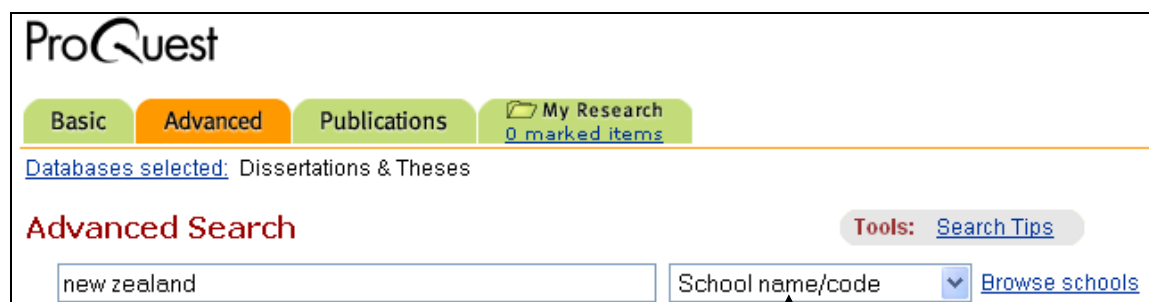
Geographical coverage

- The great majority (about 1,750,000) are from the United States.
- Canadian universities contribute 275,000 of the total.
- Tens of thousands are from other countries, including some non-English language theses. Coverage is not comprehensive for all countries.

Library Website > Databases > P > ProQuest Dissertations and Theses

Are there any New Zealand theses in PQDT?

Do an Advanced Search for "New Zealand", and select School name/code from the drop-down menu. You can use the School name option to search for a specific institution, or everything from a country.



ProQuest

Basic Advanced Publications My Research 0 marked items

Databases selected: Dissertations & Theses

Advanced Search Tools: Search Tips

new zealand School name/code Browse schools

There are around two hundred and seventy citations to theses from New Zealand, of which about a hundred can be downloaded from this database.



new zealand Citation and abstract

There are over a thousand theses about New Zealand in this database which were written in other universities around the world.

PQDT – KEYWORD SEARCHING

Subject headings are very broad in PQDT, so you usually need to do a Keyword search to find your specific topic, or combine a subject and keywords. The abstracts are full of descriptive keywords, so a Citation and Abstract search is often a good way to begin searching.

Advanced Search Tools: [Search Tips](#)

asthma* and child*

AND

AND

[Add a row](#) | [Remove a row](#)

Database: [Select multiple databases](#)

Date range:

Limit results to: Full text documents only

[More Search Options](#)

Citation and abstract

- Citation and abstract
- Abstract
- Advisor
- Author
- Committee member
- Degree
- Department
- Document ID
- Document language
- Document text
- Document title
- Index Terms (keywords)
- ISBN
- Publication/Order no.
- School name/code
- Subject name/code

Other search options

3. [Aeroallergen modeling and the effects of aeroallergen concentrations on asthmatic symptoms and ER visits](#)
by DellaValle, Curt, Ph.D., Yale University, 2010, 260 pages; AAT 3415005
> [123 references](#)
[Abstract](#) | [Preview \(482 K\)](#) | [Full Text - PDF \(5 MB\)](#) | [Order a copy](#)

4. [An ecological examination of psychological stress and asthma among low-income families in Chicago: Family, housing and neighborhood determinants](#)
by Quinn, Kelly Ann, Ph.D., The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2010, 133 pages; AAT 3428398
[Abstract](#)

Citation with a Preview and free Full text download

A citation and abstract, but without the full text

PQDT – RETRIEVAL

You can email, print, save or view your search results. Most of the recent theses (from 1997 onwards) have these options to view or download:

- Abstract
- 24 Page Preview
- Full Text - PDF
- Order a copy (an expensive way to get a thesis!)

Older records (going back to the 1980s) have abstracts but not previews or full text. Records that are even older have only the citation.

What are we allowed to do with the full-text files? The database license allows you to download the dissertations in any format and provide permanent access to members of the University. This includes:

- Printing a hard copy for personal use or to add to the Library collection.
- Downloading files on a University server for course resources.

There are 930,000 theses in full text on *PQDT* free to download, and many more which isn't on the database in full text. Most dissertations and theses are available to purchase in paper or microform format from ProQuest (the producers of the database). We don't recommend that you use the 'Order a copy' option on *PQDT*. It is cheaper to order a copy through Interlibrary Loans (see page 10).

PQDT – ENDNOTE

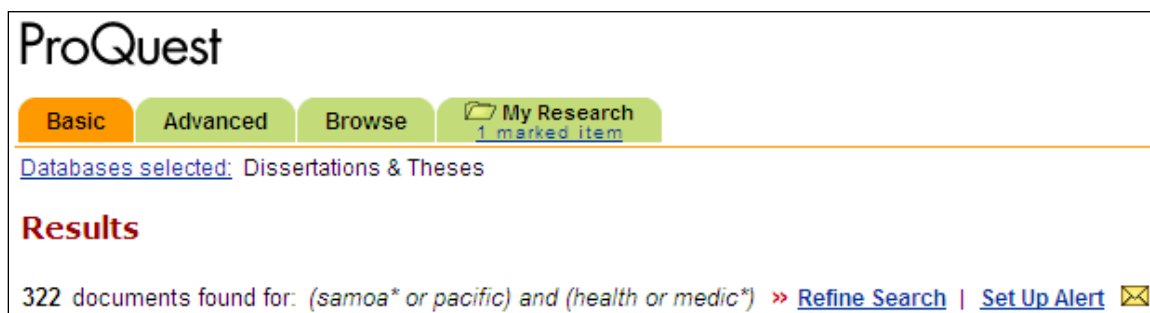
PQDT uses Direct Export to save records into your EndNote library.

1. Mark the records you want to save
2. Click the Export link
3. Export directly to ProCite, EndNote or Reference Manager

The screenshot shows the PQDT search results page. At the top, there is a yellow bar with the text 'Dissertations' and '2 marked items: Email / Cite / Export'. Below this, there are two search results. The first result is 'A comparison of healthcare access, healthcare utilization and asthma self-management for Hispanic children in border and non-border regions of Texas' by Roberts, Maudie, M.P.H., The University of Texas School of Public Health, 2011, 60 pages; AAT 1487784. The second result is 'Factors affecting ozone related asthma responses among middle school students with asthma' by Lo, Richard C., Ph.D., The University of Texas School of Public Health, 2011, 228 pages; AAT 3433055. Below the search results, there is a section titled 'Export Citations' with a '<< Back to Results' link. The 'Export Citations' section contains three options: 'Export directly to RefWorks', 'Export directly to ProCite, EndNote or Reference Manager', and 'Download in a format compatible with ProCite, EndNote, Reference Manager and RefWorks'. Below these options, there is a note: 'Click Save As on the browser's File menu, and save as text file'.

You can also download and save records into a txt file and use the ProQuest filter to import them into EndNote.

PQDT – SEARCH ALERTS



ProQuest

Basic Advanced Browse My Research
1 marked item

Databases selected: Dissertations & Theses

Results

322 documents found for: (samoa* or pacific) and (health or medic*) >> [Refine Search](#) | [Set Up Alert](#) ✉

You can set up an automatic email alert to get a list of new theses about your topic when they are added to the database. Select your preferred current or recent database search and click the link [Set Up Alert](#). Fill in the form selecting the options (e.g. daily, weekly or monthly emails).

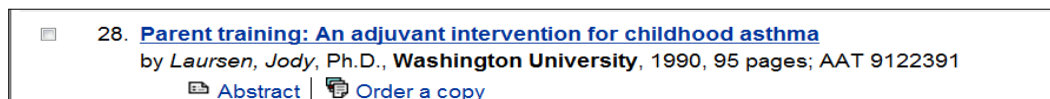
If there are only a few theses on your specific topic listed in PQDT, you might find it useful to set up an alert on a broader subject.

You should also set up email alerts from other databases that index journal articles. See the Library course [Staying current](#).

<http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/booking/doctoral/index.asp>

PQDT – EXERCISE

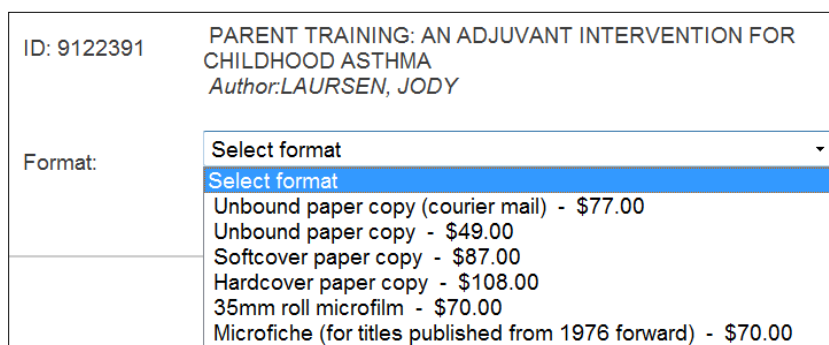
PQDT has this reference but not the full text. Where might we find the thesis?



28. [Parent training: An adjuvant intervention for childhood asthma](#)
by Laursen, Jody, Ph.D., Washington University, 1990, 95 pages; AAT 9122391
[Abstract](#) | [Order a copy](#)

Possible locations:

- *Voyager*
 - Title
 - Author
 - Keyword searches
- Google Scholar
- Washington University's website or library catalogue
- Interlibrary Loans
- *PQDT* – Order a copy



ID: 9122391 PARENT TRAINING: AN ADJUVANT INTERVENTION FOR CHILDHOOD ASTHMA
by LAURSEN, JODY

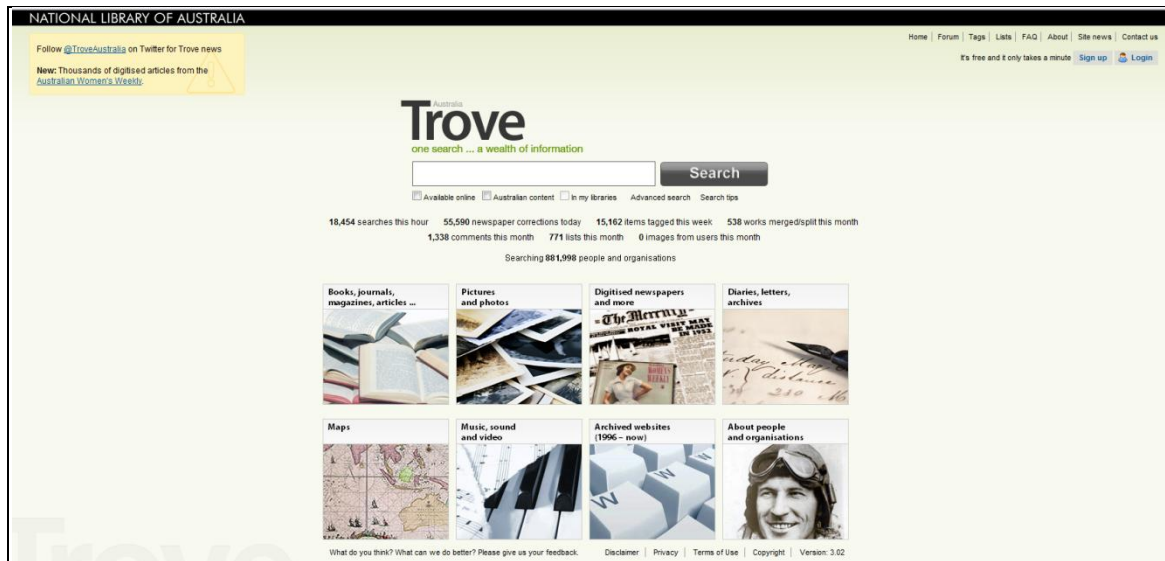
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13. TROVE

Library Website > Databases > T > Trove (National Library of Australia) > Connect

Trove is an online collection of all types of material in Australian libraries. There are 250,000 theses from Australian universities.



This search engine has far more material than just theses and dissertations. From the search results, select the option "**Refine your results: Thesis**", or begin with an **advanced search** and select **Format: Thesis**.

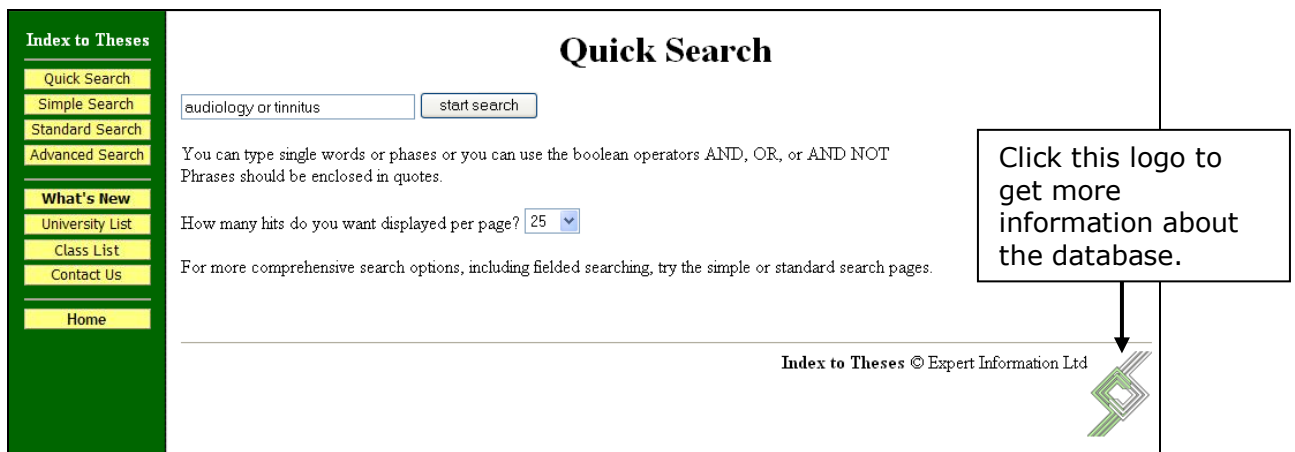
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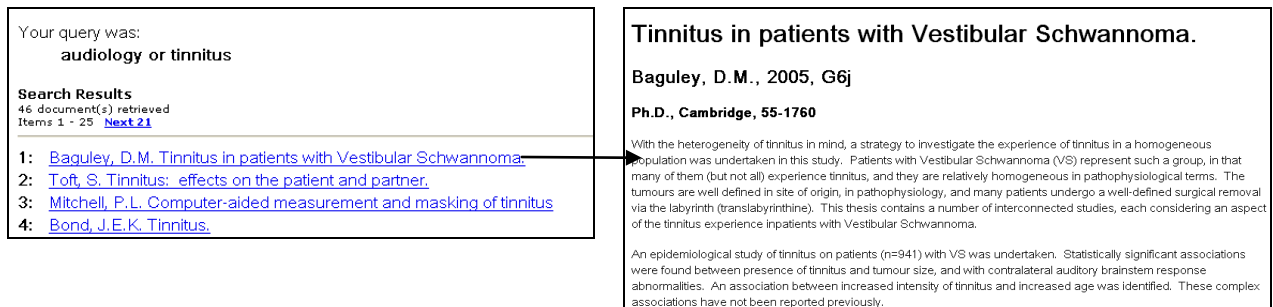
14. INDEX TO THESES (BRITAIN AND IRELAND)

Library Website > Databases > I > Index to Theses > Connect

The *Index to Theses* has half a million references to theses from British and Irish universities that are not found on the PQDT database.



From the initial results list click the titles to see the full citation and abstract.



Index to Theses includes abstracts, but only 0.5% of the records have the full text available. When you view the record for a thesis, a button "How to obtain full text" appears which may have a link to a full-text e-thesis collection from the original university.

You should also search *Voyager* to see if we have the thesis or a related book available locally or use Interlibrary Loans to obtain a copy. Searching *Google Scholar* or a specialist database may find related journal articles

Index to Theses is not compatible with EndNote, but it is easy to copy and paste information from the database into an EndNote record.

15. EThOS

EThOS is the British Library's gateway to electronic doctoral theses from the repositories of British universities.

Library Website > Databases > E > EThOS: Electronic Theses Online Service > Connect

<http://ethos.bl.uk>



There are over 250,000 records in the database, and increasing numbers of them have free full text available to download. Those that are not currently available will be digitized on demand, but there may be some delay as there has been a lot of demand since the services was launched in early 2009.

Not all have abstracts, but those might be found in the *Index to Theses*.

16. OTHER SOURCES - Databases

SCOPUS

Many theses are now freely available through university institutional repositories and EDT (Electronic Dissertations & Theses) collections. Many of these collections can be searched through the Scopus database. Do a subject search on SCOPUS, from the results screen click on the **Web** tab. On the left hand side, tick **theses** and then **Limit to**.

PsycINFO

Bibliographic database providing abstracts and citations to the scholarly literature in the psychological, social, behavioral, and health sciences.

You can limit your search to dissertations by using the **document type** in

Additional Limits.

CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)

Contains bibliographic details to some US Nursing dissertations. You can limit your search in CINAHL to "doctoral dissertations" or "Master's thesis" as a **publication type**.

17. THESES IN PROGRESS

Most catalogues and databases only include completed theses, but it could be useful to find out about current research being done for theses in progress.

Some University departments have lists of theses in progress on their webpages, or in printed in departmental handbooks, but these are not necessarily comprehensive or completely up-to-date.

For example in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, some information regarding current PhD projects is available e.g. School of Nursing> Our Research> Postgraduate Research

<http://www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/son/research/current-projects.aspx>

If you know of leading centres of research in other universities it can be useful to check their websites or published research reports for lists of current theses and contact details of research students and supervisors.

Some examples from other countries:

PhDdata

<http://www.phddata.org/>

This is a new and developing site, with just a few thousand theses, but it has a database of doctoral dissertations in progress around the world.

OAIster

OAIster is a project of the University of Michigan Digital Library Production Service. It has a collection of previously difficult-to-access, academically-oriented digital resources, including material not found by search engines such as Google.

<http://www.oclc.org/oaister/>

Google

For a search focused on academic sites use Google Scholar. Rather than going directly to the website www.scholar.google.com you will find it more useful to use the link from the list of Library databases. This enables you to link easily to the Library's e-resources.

Library Website > Databases & Articles > G > Google Scholar > Connect

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	with the exact phrase	<input type="text" value="in progress"/>	
	with at least one of the words	<input type="text" value="thesis theses dissertation phd"/>	
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Search for keywords describing the topic, together with phrases such as "thesis in progress", "phd in progress", "current research", "research report" or "annual report".

ACTION LIST FOR YOUR LITERATURE REVIEW

Depending on your subject, you may need to use some or all of these resources to find theses and dissertations:

- Make an appointment to meet your **Subject Librarian**
Find out about specialised resources for your subject including databases that index theses and dissertations
- **Voyager** – the Library catalogue
Find theses in the University of Auckland Library, and some other universities
- **Te Puna National Union Catalogue**
New Zealand universities, and some from overseas
- **Other New Zealand library catalogues**
Search individual library catalogues, in case of omissions from Te Puna
- **Union List of Higher Degree Theses in New Zealand Libraries**
Check this printed list of NZ theses if you need to do a comprehensive search for older items that might not be included in online catalogues
- **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses**
Search the largest international database, especially good for North American universities
- **Trove**
A search engine for Australian material
- **Index to Theses**
Abstracts of theses from British and Irish universities
- **ETHOS**
Full-text theses from British universities
- **Databases**
e.g SCOPUS, PsycINFO, CINAHL
- **Theses in progress**
 - Departmental handbooks
 - Departmental websites in New Zealand and overseas
 - websites
- Library Homepage > Research > Theses and Dissertations > Finding a thesis > Theses from other Universities
<http://www.library.auckland.ac.nz/thesis/thesisother.htm#others>