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Dear Marian:

In my "real" job I help high school students with learning disabilities to make the transition to the workplace. I need to find research articles on this topic for a paper in my adult education class. Can you help?

Sincerely, All in a Day's Work

Dear All in a Day: Here are five easy steps to search strategy success which will work for almost any topic in almost any Passports database.

1. Begin at Passports (<http://library.webster.edu>), click the link [Online/Fulltext Databases](#). Since you have an education topic, click [Education](#) to display a list of topical databases. The **ERIC** database is the best place to start.

2. Do a Keyword Search. Insert key words or phrases into the search boxes:

Find:	learning disabilities	in	Default Fields
and	transition	in	Default Fields
and	workplace	in	Default Fields

3. Use Results to Better the Search. In your results list, click the article title link "[The Transition of Individuals with Learning Disabilities into the Work Setting](#)" to see the descriptors (subject headings) assigned by the database:

Descriptors: *[Education Work Relationship](#); *[Educational Planning](#); *[Educational Practices](#); *[Learning Disabilities](#); *[Transitional Programs](#); [Definitions](#); [Educational Legislation](#); [Employment](#); [Federal Legislation](#); [Secondary Education](#)

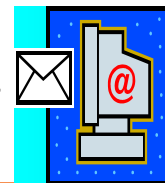
4. Redo the Search to Find More. Use these words and phrases to find more, and more relevant, articles. Your new search might look like this:

Find:	learning disabilities	in	Default Fields
and	transitional programs	in	Default Fields
and	work or employment	in	Default Fields

5. Limit Your Search. In **ERIC**, the limit options are found below the search boxes. Use the pull-down menu to set 'Journal or Document' to 'journal articles'. Another way to effectively limit many ERIC searches is by educational level. In your example, you could search both secondary education or high schools by holding the Control <CTRL> key as you click/highlight each level in the 'Educational Level' box.

Note: Other databases may not have the same limit options as **ERIC**. Many databases have a limit option for **peer-reviewed** or refereed journals which will limit the search to scholarly publications, which may be more appropriate for university research.

Informationally Yours, Marian



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