

Health and Psychosocial Instruments

A USER'S GUIDE

What is the Health and Psychosocial Instruments Database?

- The *Health and Psychosocial Instruments Database* is a resource that provides information on previously unavailable information on measurement instruments
- This source provides:
 - a means of locating a variety of instruments and helps reduce inefficiency and cost

Accessing it:

1. Go to <http://library.olivet.edu>
2. (click on) Library databases-alphabetical
3. (click on) Health and Psychosocial Instruments

Advantages:

- *Access this database **off-campus**
- *You don't have to come to the library
- ***Search** for a test from **all available instruments at once**

Searching

**The database defaults to the Advanced search.

There are two ways to search for a test:

1. **Go to "Search Fields", then check the box that you would like to search.**
 - "*Descriptor*" is equivalent to a subject search.
 - If you searched in "*Title*" the keywords are found only in test titles.

2. **Use the keyword search (default).**

After you've completed two searches, you'll have a "Combine**" option. This great feature allows you to narrow your search.

The "Limit**" option is also very useful because you can limit your search to a specific subject area or yearbook.

Setting Up An Account

***If you have already set up an account with Mental Measurements Yearbook you do not have to set up another account.**

Creating an account allows you to access your saved results from previous searches.

We recommend that you take the time to set up an account.

Username: no spaces (ex. Jsmith)

Password: must be 6-8 characters

Saving Searches

- Make sure the search results you would like to save are displayed on the screen.
- Click on "save search history."
- To save a search history you must provide a title for the searches.

**You can save your searches temporarily (24 hrs) or permanently.

*Note: The default is "**temporary.**"

Another feature worth noting is the "Email Jumpstart**" option. This allows you to email your searches to yourself or a colleague.