Finding Tests & Measures

About This Guide

Adapted from *John Hopkins University. Psychology: A guide to finding resources about psychology and neuroscience: Psych Tests*

This guide is designed to assist researchers in finding information and sources about standardized tests and measurements that are used for diagnosis, research or assessment. There are a variety of unpublished and published tests available for use. Published tests are generally available through commercial publishers. Those not available through a publisher are often found in books, journal articles, reports or from the authors themselves. Locating information on a specific test or searching for an instrument related to a specific issue or topic often requires searching through a variety of print and online resources. The sources and links below are organized to help you navigate Adelphi resources to find the appropriate test or measure for your research.

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Note: *Call numbers in this guide refer to materials in the Adelphi Swirbul Library Campus except as otherwise noted.*

Finding Background Information on a Test, Including Reviews and Descriptions

*Mental Measurements Yearbook* Online database
(Ovid) - contains information and critical reviews, updated biannually, of new and revised tests from the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th Yearbooks, covering more than 2,200 commercially-available tests on topics in psychology, education, speech & hearing, and sensory motor issues.

**Mental Measurements Yearbook**
*Z5814.P8 B932* (covers yearbooks 1-16)
*Reference Desk Z5814.P8 B932 (current volume 17)*
Contains reviews of tests covering educational skills, personality, vocational aptitude, psychology, and related areas. For each test, you can find the author, publisher, scoring information, and at least one review of the test. See tips for using this resource.

*Tests in microfiche, Annotated index.*
*Microfiche Z5814 E9 E4*
**Tests in Print**  
Reference Desk Z5814.E9 T47 (Also in Manhattan and Hauppauge)  
Covers published and commercially available tests in psychology. Each entry consists of the test title, intended population, publication date, author, publisher, foreign adaptations, and references. [Tips](#) for using this resource.

**Tests: a comprehensive reference for assessments in psychology, education, and business**  
Reference Desk BF176.T43 2003  
Contains information on thousands of testing instruments in psychology, education, and business. For evaluative techniques or data on reliability, validity, or norms, please refer to Test Critiques (see below).

**Test Critiques**  
Ref Desk BF176. T419 (Also in Manhattan)  
Designed as a companion to Tests (BF176.T43). Test Critiques includes supplemental information such as psychometric information on reliability, validity, and norm development.

These volumes supplement the Mental Measurements Yearbook.

**Educational Testing Service Test Link**  
The Educational Testing Service provides information on more than 25,000 research instruments and standardized tests. Some foreign tests are included.

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**Finding Test Collections**

**Directory of test collections in academic, professional, and research libraries**  
Reference LB3051.D564 2001  
Provides collection size, scope, and strengths, as well as contact information, and user accessibility for institutions that allow access to their test collections.

**Finding Tests in Scholarly Literature Using Library Databases**

While many scholarly articles describe studies conducted with psychological tests, they do not usually include the test itself. But you can still find a lot of information about the tests in this literature. Enter the name of the test to locate research articles in which the instrument was used. You can also use the databases to locate instruments as well. Use the advance search screen and enter your keyword term or concept: Example ‘empathy’, ‘coping’, ‘domestic violence’ on the first search box provided. In the second line after the ‘AND’ connector add several variations of the term to retrieve measurements using ‘OR’ in between each term on the same line: Example ‘test’ or ‘survey’ or ‘questionnaire’ or ‘scale’ or ‘instrument’.

**Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI)**  
Covers 1985-present. Contains articles describing questionnaires, rating scales, index measures, scenarios, vignettes, observations, checklists, manuals, etc. Under ‘Limit to,’ select Primary Source or Secondary Source. Primary Source means the citation is the original source for the instrument. Secondary Source means the instrument was originally developed by another author or for another study. Use [reliability](#) and [validity](#) as keywords to locate instruments with tested psychometric properties.

**PsychInfo**  
Covers 1887-present. This database covers mainly journal articles (includes some books and
other material) relevant to psychology, education, medicine, business, sociology, and psychiatry. Start with a keyword search to find articles relating to a type of inventory and then combine it with a keyword search using the word appended. This will find instruments relating to a specific subject that are included in the article appendix.

**PubMed**
Covers 1966-present. Contains citations from a broad array of biomedical journals. Useful MeSH (medical subject headings) include questionnaires, psychological tests, health status rating scales, psychiatric status rating scales, and personality inventory. In PubMed, not all instruments fall under MeSH headings, so try a keyword search such as pregnancy AND questionnaire. Other keywords to consider include inventories, scale measure, measurements, survey, and psychometrics.

**CINAHL**
Covers 1937-present. CINAHL covers nursing, allied health, biomedicine, and consumer health journals. Any article reporting a research study that uses an instrument has the name of the instrument recorded in the Instrumentation field. In the search box, enter the instrument name and select IN Instrumentation from the drop-down box.

**ERIC**
Covers 1976-present. ERIC focuses on the U.S. education literature. Phrases to use in your search include: screening tests, diagnostic tests, disability identification, ability identification, and talent identification.

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**Finding Measures in Books: Psychology**

**BF176 A52**

Beere, C. A. *Sex and gender issues: a handbook of tests and measures.*
Reference **BF 692 B38 1990**


**Government Documents Microfiche. HE 20.8110/ 2:FN/ 9**

Reference **Desk BF176 .C66 2007 (Also in Manhattan and Hudson Valley)**

**BF698.8 R5 G65**

**BF39 .H2645 1990**

**BF176 G76 2005**

Reference **RC473.P78 A46 2008**
*Reference* RC469 .H83 1982

*Reference Desk* JA74.5 R57 AppxB 1973

*Reference Desk* BF698.4 M38 1991

*Reference* RC473.P78 S245 2003

Shaw, M. E. & Wright J. M. *Scales for the Measurement of Attitudes*. (1967)  
*Reference* BF378 A75 S45

BF698.4 E5  (Also in Manhattan)

**Finding Measures in Books: Nursing and Health**

Antonak, R. F. & Livneh, H. *The measurement of attitudes toward people with disabilities: methods, psychometrics, and scales*.  
HV1553 A62 1988

Beaton, S. R., & Voge, S. A. *Measurements for long-term care : a guidebook for nurses*  
RT120.L64 B4 1998

Blattner, B. *Holistic nursing* (1981)  
RT42 .B53

Clayton, G. M. & Broome, M. *Instruments for use in nursing education research*  
RT73 .C53 1989

(3 vols.) A collection of tools that measure client outcomes, nursing performance, clinical skills, and client self-care and coping skills.  
*RT85.5 .M434 2001*

*Reference Desk* BF176 C66 2007  (Also in Manhattan and Hudson Valley)

Frank-Stromborg, M. & Olsen, S. J. *Instruments for clinical health-care research*  
RT81.5 .I57 2004

RA407 L37 1991

Lenz, E. R. & Shortridge-Baggett, L. M. (Eds.) *Self efficacy in nursing : research and measurement perspectives*  
RT42 .S435 2002
McDowell, I. & Newell, C. *Measuring Health: A Guide to Rating Scales and Questionnaires* Includes reviews, descriptions, test properties, etc., for rating scales and questionnaires that cover topics such as physical disability, pain, psychological well-being, and quality of life. RA408.5 .M47 1996


Redman, B. K. *Measurement instruments in clinical ethics* R725.5 .R43 2002

Rubin, R. B., Palmgreen, P. & Sypher, H. E. (Eds.) *Communication Research Measures: A Sourcebook* Part one gives an overview of the areas in the communication discipline which use quantitative measures. Part two contains descriptive summaries of 62 measures, including validity and reliability information. Most of the measures are also provided. Reference P 91.3 .C62 1994


Watson, J. *Assessing and measuring caring in nursing and health science* RT42 .W38 2009

Finding Measures in Books: Women, Marriage, Families


Periodicals and Online


Davis, C. M. (Ed.) *Handbook of sexuality-related measures* HQ60 .H36 1998

Draper, T. W., Marcos, A. C. (Eds.) *Family Variables: Conceptualization, Measurement and Use* HQ728 F3245 1990
Finding Measures in Books: Children


Finding Measures in Books: Aged

Reference HQ1061 .G38 (Also in Manhattan)

Reference. HQ1061 R44 1982 v. 1-3

Finding Measures in Books: Other

Government Documents HE20.8110/2: FN/ 3

Williamson, D. A. *Assessment of Eating Disorders: Obesity, Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa.*
Hauppauge & Manhattan Centers RC552 E18 W55 1990

In the ALICAT Online Catalog, you will find additional materials under the following subject headings:
ABILITY - TESTING
AFFECT (PSYCHOLOGY) - TESTING
EDUCATIONAL TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS
MENTAL TESTS
PERSONALITY TESTS
PSYCHOMETRICS

Tests and Measures: Internet Sites

**FAQ/ Finding Information About Psychological Tests** from the American Psychological Association
Provides general information about finding published and unpublished tests.

**Finding Tests and and Measures** from Rutgers University
http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/findtests/findtests.shtml

**Locating psychological & educational tests and measures** from University of Michigan Library
http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=29265

**Nursing research guide** from Rutgers University Library
http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/nursing/instruments.shtml

**OSU Library Guide to Finding Psychological Tests and Measurements** from Oklahoma State University http://www.library.okstate.edu/hss/chaney/psychology/test.htm

**Sources for nursing (and health related) research Instruments** from San Diego State University Library provides information on evaluating,
http://infodome.sdsu.edu/research(guides/science/nursinstruments.shtml)
Tests & Measurement Instruments for Health Sciences from University of Michigan Library
http://guides.lib.umich.edu/content.php?pid=39789&sid=292010

Tests and Measures in the Social Sciences: Tests Available in Compilation Volumes -
Compiled by Helen Hough, Health Sciences Librarian at the University of Texas at Arlington, this
is an index of full text measures in print monographs. Eighty sources are included and
searchable by author or keyword. The tables-of-contents for the sources are also available. If
the test is located in a printed source use ALICAT to see if Adelphi has a copy of the source
http://libraries.uta.edu/helen/test&meas/testmainframe.htm

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