

Research Guide| Social Work



The NVIT Library is committed to supporting students reach their academic goals. This research guide is one of the tools the library provides to assist students by highlighting available resources. Listed below are examples of where to begin research; bear in mind that no list is exhaustive and many more resources are available. Please do not hesitate to ask library staff for further assistance.

STRATEGY– look for timely (recent) and appropriate (scholarly) content.

SEARCH WORDS – For retrieval purposes, books and articles in databases are labeled with terms referred to as subject headings. Using subject headings as search words when researching will help focus results by filtering out unnecessary or irrelevant items. Below are examples of subject headings that would be useful for a student enrolled in the Social Work program:

Cross-cultural counseling	Social service(s)	Child Welfare
Native peoples – services for – Canada.	Social work education	Community Services
Public Policy	Social work with minorities	Family Therapy Methods
Social group work	Social work with native peoples – Canada	Health & Social Work
Social justice		Social Work Service

Note: Please see a librarian or library coordinator for more headings to use during your research.

BOOKS – NVIT’s Social Work program offers students the opportunity to ground themselves in social work theory in conjunction with knowledgeable appreciation of Aboriginal perspectives and principles. The NVIT Library has a large collection of books pertaining to Social Work and related concepts, below is a list that highlights what is available.

[Aboriginal Child Welfare, Self-Government and the Rights of Indigenous Children : Protecting the Vulnerable under International Law](#) (2012). ebook

[An introduction to applying social work theories and methods](#) (2010). ebook

[Canadian encyclopedia of social work](#)

[Connecting Social Welfare Policy to Fields of Practice.](#) (2012). ebook

[Counseling across cultures](#) (2008).

[Counseling the culturally diverse : theory and practice](#) (2008).

[Coping with trauma : hope through understanding](#) (2005)

[Cross cultural awareness and social justice in counseling](#) (2009).

[Diversity, Oppression, and social functioning: person-in-environment assessment and intervention](#) (2011).

[Ethics and values in social work: An integrated approach for a comprehensive curriculum](#) (2010).

Also available in [e-book](#) format.

[Healing traditions : the mental health of Aboriginal peoples in Canada](#) (2009)

[Indigenous social work around the world: towards culturally relevant education and practice](#) (2008). ebook

[Integrative social work practice](#) (2009). Ebook

[Oral History on Trial.](#) (2011). ebook

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[Social work practice research for the 21st century](#) (2010). ebook

[Social work values and ethics](#) (2006). ebook

[Value base of social work and social care: an active learning handbook](#). (2008) ebook

[Walking in the good way](#) *Ioterihwakwaríhshion Tsi íhse: Aboriginal social work education* (2009).

[Wasáse: Indigenous Pathways of Action and Freedom](#) (2005) ebook

Tip: Books often provide a broad overview a subject and provide researchers with a solid background on a particular topic. Consulting one or two books for research is a good way to begin a project.

Tip: The NVIT Library collection is shelved according to the Library of Congress Classification scheme. Social Work is classed in the HV section. It can be helpful to browse this section when initiating research in order to find books in the field.

DATABASES – NVIT Library has access to many databases that contain articles and reports for use in academic research. Articles and reports provide detailed information on a particular topic and will help widen the scope research. It is considered best practice to select articles that were recently written and peer-reviewed.

Tip: If an article says it is not available at NVIT, please ask a librarian for assistance. With a few days advance notice, we may be able to bring the article in for you from another institution.

Academic Search Premier – provides access to all the databases that NVIT has access to.

Note: Academic Search Premier is an excellent starting point for research; however, searching specific databases will retrieve refined results and avoid the need to sift through articles.

Databases that may be particularly useful to Social Work students are:

- *Bibliography of Native North Americans.*
- *Social Sciences Index.*

JOURNALS - It can be helpful to browse recent academic journals when attempting to decide upon a research topic. The following list provides examples of journals available to NVIT students that may be particularly useful for those enrolled in Social Work:

American Journal of Family Therapy
Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal
Clinical Social Work Journal
[Afflia: Journal of Women & Social Work](#)
Health & Social Work
[Social Work in Mental Health](#)
School Social Work Journal
[Journal of Colonialism & Colonial History](#)

Canadian Social Work Review
Child Welfare: Journal of Policy, Practice and Program
Journal of Comparative Family Studies
[Journal of Family Violence.](#)
Families in Society
[Psychological Trauma](#)
Social Work
[AlterNative: an international journal of indigenous peoples](#)

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WEBSITES - websites can provide timely coverage of current trends in the field of Social Work.

[Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada – Welcome to First Nations Profiles](#) The First Nation Profiles is a collection of information that describes individual First Nation communities across Canada. The profiles include general information on a First Nation along with more detailed information about its reserve(s), governance, federal funding, geography, registered population statistics and various Census statistics.

[Bullying Website](#) Whether you are concerned about bullying in the workplace or want to combat bullying in schools, there are some creative and effective tactics you can use. These include preventive measures to reduce the likelihood of bullying behaviour, defend against the actions of established bullies, and help to heal the scars caused by bullying.

[Canadian Association of Social Workers](#) Social Workers make a Difference. Social work is a profession concerned with helping individuals, families, groups and communities to enhance their individual and collective well-being. It aims to help people develop their skills and their ability to use their own resources and those of the community to resolve problems.

[Canadian Association of Social Workers](#) Aboriginal Interest Group. CASW has often discussed the need to have a significant connection with Aboriginal social workers, and this concern was recently highlighted by comments that the Aboriginal perspective was missing from CASW papers on women and poverty. Acknowledging this lack, CASW has created the Aboriginal Social Workers Interest Group to provide a forum for consultation with Aboriginal social workers and for obtaining their assistance in meeting the CASW strategic directions.

The **Federation of Community Social Services of BC** – The resources [tab](#) has links to various topics that could be used as a starting point for your research. Many of the Reports are available on Ebrary, accessible through NVIT's Library.

First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada. The database available on the Publications and Resources [tab](#) is a good resource for those interested in Social Work. This organization also hosts the online journal [First Peoples Child & Family Review](#).

[Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of BC](#) The Native Courtworker program is a cost-shared program funded by the Ministry of Solicitor General and the Department of Justice. The NCCABC is a provincial organization with a thirty-eight year history of providing services to aboriginal peoples in conflict with the law. Over fifty staff is employed, with twenty-eight of these are Courtworkers.

Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth (ON) – Documents such as News Releases, Publications and Annual Reports found under the [Publications & Links](#) tab may be useful for assignments.

Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping. This is an [open access journal](#) with content written by community workers. Guidelines for submission are not stringent, and the site would be suitable for literature reviews, but not considered peer reviewed content.

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[Representative for Children & Youth](#): There are a number of reports, papers, and fact sheets available under the Resources Tab.

[Welcome to Early Childhood Development](#) The ministry recognizes that young children's early experiences and environment lay the foundation of future health, success and well-being. The early years, a period of rapid growth and development from conception until age six, are critical for a child's physical, social/emotional and cognitive development.

Tip: Before citing a website, be sure to **evaluate** the site in order to check its authority. At this time, Wikipedia is not considered a source of academic papers.