

WHAT IS A PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL?

What is the Purpose of Peer Review?

The peer-review process ensures that the published articles are of high quality, reflect solid scholarship in their fields, and that the information they contain is accurate and based on sound research.

What is the Peer-Review Process?

- Articles submitted by authors are evaluated by a group of peer experts in the field.
- The reviewers recommend whether the submitted article be published, revised, or rejected.
- This review process is often performed “blind”, meaning the reviewers do not know the names or academic affiliations of the authors, and the authors do not know who is reviewing their work.

How do You Identify Peer Reviewed Journals?

- Some databases offer the option of limiting search results to peer reviewed journals, e.g., CINAHL, PsycINFO, SPORTSDiscus
- Databases like Medline do not have this option, but most articles are peer-reviewed
- If you are not certain if an article you have is peer-reviewed, locate the journal publication information online and examine the instructions to authors page. These will tell you if the submission process involves review by peers or the editorial board