

iLearn Search Tips

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ptsd veteran +either

Conjunctions and common words are largely ignored when performing a search. To include a common word in your search that may otherwise be ignored add a + sign in front of it.

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ptsd veteran women **OR** female

A user can expand their search by using the **OR** operator. The **OR** operator must be capitalized and will return alternative keywords on either side of the **OR** operator.

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female-homeless-veterans

In many cases a user may be searching for an exact phrase. To perform an exact phrase search place a - (minus sign) operator with no spaces between each word. The search results will only contain items matching the exact phrase.

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intitle:homeless **intitle:**veterans

Sometimes a user may be looking for a specific title containing specific words. Using the **intitle:** operator will only return search results where homeless and veteran are both in the title of the search results.

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ptsd veteran **daterange:**2015-01-01..2015-04-01

Sometimes it is convenient a user limit their search to a specific date range using the **daterange:** operator and specific dates. The dates must be in the format indicated and separated by .. (two periods).

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ptsd veteran **filetype:**pdf

Sometimes a user may want to return only a specific file type. You can use the **filetype:** operator to return results containing only the file type requested. The search results in this example would only include pdf documents.

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ptsd veteran military -women -female

Users can use the - (minus sign) to exclude words in their searches. The above search string example would return results containing ptsd veteran and military but exclude the keywords "women" and "female" in the search results.

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ptsd **site:**www.tms.va.gov

Searching for keywords using the **site:** operator allows users to search for keywords and return results from a specific site.