

## **Requirements for Dissertation Review**

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### **Purpose of the review:**

Searching the literature to identify publications related to your subject of research for your dissertation has two purposes:

1. to demonstrate the originality of your research.  
Your dissertation/DHCE project will address aspects, theories, methods, practices that are new compared to other dissertation, even if they explore the same subject, field or subject as your dissertation. You will add to the growing body of knowledge in HCE
2. to show how your dissertation/DHCE project builds on an existing body of knowledge. Earlier dissertations/DHCE projects often complement your work. No dissertation is completely innovative. You can learn from the methods and insights from previous work, standing on the shoulders of other researchers in HCE.

### **How to proceed**

- Specify the search terms in connection to the dissertation/DHCE. Do not make the search terms too specific. Try to identify dissertations/DHCE projects that are relevant in the field that you are research, and not only on the very specific topic that has your interest.
- Run a search for theses/dissertations in all of the following databases:
  - ***ProQuest Dissertations & Theses A&I***
  - **Duquesne University Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETDs)**
  - **DuCat: The Gumberg Library Online Catalog - for older theses and dissertations**
  - ***NDLTD: Networked Digital Library of Theses & Dissertations***
  - ***OATD: Open Access Theses and Dissertations***
  - ***WorldCat***
  - ***CINAHL: Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature***