Research Skills Inventory

____ How to identify appropriate tools to search for information
  o Library catalog ____
  o Database ____
  o Internet ____
  o Library catalog interface (all-in-one search) ____
  o LibGuides ____

____ Identify general academic databases

____ Identify subject specialized databases

____ How to perform a search in a database
  ____ Perform an advanced search strategy
  ____ Search by subject and keyword
  ____ Narrow topic using Boolean logic
  ____ Use limiters, i.e. date, geographic, scholarly/peer review

____ How to identify a peer-reviewed journal
  ____ Characteristics of the peer-reviewed process
  ____ Purpose of an abstract
  ____ Qualities of a peer-reviewed journal

____ How to cite in APA or MLA style
  ____ How to identify the information needed to cite
  ____ How to use the Bedford Handbook, APA or MLA style guide

____ How to access resources from Off-Campus

Instructions: Use the research skills inventory to identify your research skills—simply check items you know. Consult a Reference Librarian (LLRC Reference Desk 2nd Floor) for skills you would like to develop.