**Online Searching Skills Inventory**

- Please rate your *degree of confidence* by recording in each of the blank spaces a number *from 0 to 10* using the scale below.
- If you do not understand a question, please record a *?* (*question mark*) instead of a number in the blank spaces.

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? Do not understand (0 or 1-10)

1. I can identify the most appropriate keywords or phrases for the information needed when I search a topic. 

2. I can identify alternate terminology, such as synonyms and broader or narrower terms, for the information needed. 

3. I can use a thesaurus in a database to select subject terms for searching. 

4. I can construct a search using Boolean operators (e.g. AND, OR, NOT). 

5. I can use a particular search field (e.g., title, URL, author) when searching for specific information. 

6. I can construct a keyword search so that my search words are found near each other, within the same paragraph of a document. 

7. I can construct a search to retrieve documents containing an exact phrase. 

8. I can construct a complex search using more than one Boolean operator and grouping terms together using parentheses. 

9. I can use truncation symbols (e.g. *, $) to find variants of search words (e.g. teach, teacher, teaching) when searching in a database. 

10. When subject terms relevant to a topic are shown in a database, I can search for additional information using those subject terms. 

11. I can determine when browsing in a database will be more effective than entering search terms. 

12. I can narrow or broaden my search to retrieve the appropriate quantity of information.