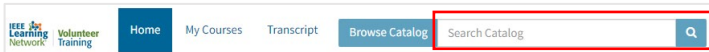# How do I search for courses in the IEEE Learning Network Volunteer Training site?

Overview

The IEEE Learning Network Volunteer Training site has a robust browse and search feature to help you find courses of interest. The search can be easily accessed from all pages within the portal. This guide assumes you are logged into the site.
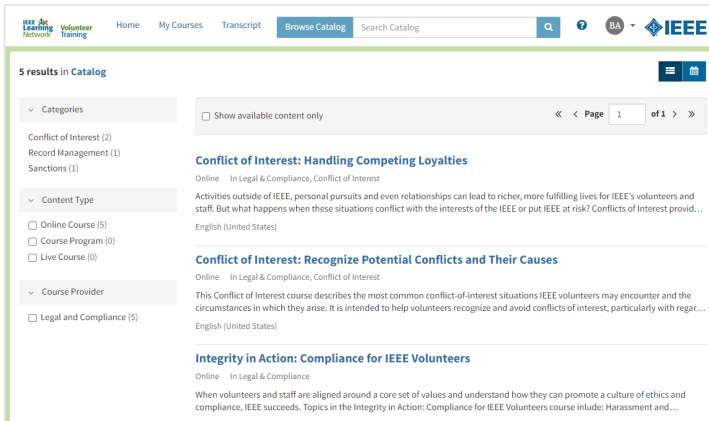
Searching in ILN

Searches are performed by entering a key word(s) or phrase into the **Search Catalog** field. You can further focus your search by including quotes around the word or phrase to obtain a specific match. You can use phrases in quotations to create specific search strings (e.g., "cloud computing"). If you do not use quotations, ILN will search for all courses that have "cloud" in the name or course description and for "computing" but will not focus on only courses with "cloud computing" together in the name or in the course description.

ILN Search Catalog Field

Type the term you wish to locate in the **Search Catalog** field then click the **Search** (magnifying glass) icon to display the search results.

NOTE: Clicking the **Search** icon with a blank (empty) **Search Catalog** field will result in a wildcard search, returning all available items in the catalog.

Search Return Example

The list of **Search Results** can be filtered to refine the list. Filter options are found on the left side of the page and include:
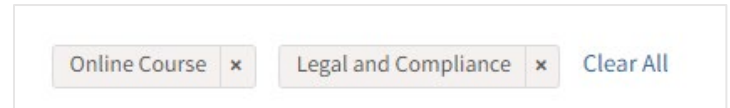
- **Categories**
- **Content Type**
- **Course Provider**

NOTE: The number next to each filter option indicates how many items in your **Search Results** are associated with that option. You may apply more than one filter at a time; however your **Search Results** update after every selection.

To remove a **Category** filter, click the **Catalog** link above the filter pane to return to the original **Search Results**.

The selected **Content Type** and **Course Provider** filters display at the top of your **Search Results**. To remove filters, click the **Clear (X)** icon beside the filter option *OR* deselect the checkbox in the filter pane.
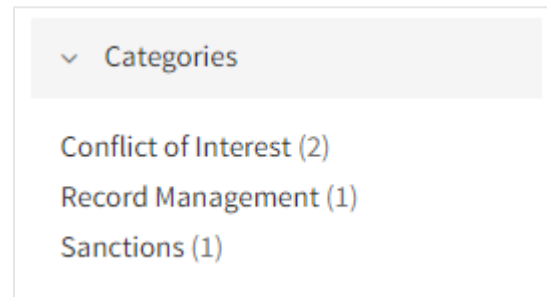
Click the **Clear All** link at the top of the page to remove all selected filters.

Selected Filter Options Including Clear (X) Icons and Clear All Link

To perform a blank search to view the full catalog, click the **Search** icon with a blank (empty) **Search Catalog** field. This will result in a wildcard search, returning all available items in the catalog.

To filter to a specific **Category**, click the category name that you wish to view. To expand the list of categories to see the complete list, click the **Show more** link (if applicable).

List of Categories