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Health Science Center Library

- Subject Coverage:** The ERIC database provides extensive access to education related literature.
- Types of Material:** Coverage includes conferences, meetings, government documents, theses, dissertations, reports, audiovisuals, bibliographies, directories, books and monographs.
- Printed Tool(s):** Current index to Journals in education (CICE) and Resources in Education (RIE).
- Years Covered:** 1966 to current
- Frequency of Updates:** Monthly, with approximately 2,640 new records added
- Database Producer:** Educational Resources Information Center, a federally supported central clearinghouse for sixteen subject-based clearinghouses in the field of education.

List of Fields:

TI: Title	AF: Author Affiliation	AG: Agency
NT: Notes	LA: Language	NU: Other Numbers
AN: Accession Number	PT: Publication Type	AU: Author
PY: Publication Year	AV: Availability	RP: Report Number
CA: Corporate Author	SF: Subfile	CO: Country of Origin
SO: Source	DE: Descriptors	TA: Target Audience
IB: ISBN	TI: Title	ID: Identifiers
IS: ISSN		

To Search:

In the **basic search** mode searches may be for keywords, title, author, journal name or anywhere (in the record). A search can be limited to all of the words (cat and dog both words will be contained in each record but they may not be adjacent to each other), any of the words (cat or feline one of the words will be in the record) or exact phrase. Results can be limited by latest update (to the database), journal articles, English language only and publication data. Results may be sorted by either publication date or relevancy. The results may be displayed in the following formats: citation; citation with abstract; full record or custom fields.

The **advanced search** mode allows more flexibility to the searcher. It allows up to three concepts to be combined with "and" and allows the searcher to specify which field to search. The same limits and display formats available in the basic search mode are available in the advanced mode.

Truncation symbol: The truncation symbol is * . **Using that symbol will retrieve all words starting with that root. For example: assess*** Will get assessed, assessment, assessments, assessing etc. Use the longest possible root to avoid irrelevant "hits".

To combine terms/searches:

- AND** will **narrow** your search; **both** terms **must** be present
- OR** will **broaden** your search; **either** term **may** be present
- NOT** specifies that the first term **must** be present but **not** the second term

Search History / Alerts: To repeat, revise, combine or limit previous searches, select **Search History / Alerts** from the buttons on the left side of the screen. Select the search(es) that you are interested in re-running by checking the box in front of that search and clicking on the run link.

Each user may save up to fifty search strategies for a period of six months. To save a search, click the **Search History/Alerts** button on the left-side navigation column. Any searches you have performed are displayed under the heading of **Current Searches**. Mark the strategy(ies) you wish to save, and click the **Save Marked Searches** button. Enter your email address and a password of your choice and click **Continue**. Your password must be between 4 and 8 characters long, and can include letters or numbers.

A saved Alert will be used to automatically search your selected databases for new content every week. You will receive an email message that contains up to 250 new records from each database that has new matching content. To set up a new Alert, first run a search strategy in your selected databases. Click the **Search History/Alerts** button. Any searches you have performed are displayed under the heading of Current Searches. For the strategy you wish to save, click **Save as Alert**. You will be prompted to enter an email address and personal password, which can be the same as you used when you saved searches. Your strategy, selected databases and a box for entering comments are displayed. Click **Save Alert** to complete the process.

Thesaurus: The interactive Thesaurus Search feature is available from either the **Quick Search** or **Advanced Search** screens. After a database or databases are chosen, you may choose the **Thesaurus Search** option.

Using Thesaurus Search you can browse for terms via a hierarchical, alphabetical, or rotated index display. These display formats allow you to navigate the thesaurus alphabetically or through the hierarchical relationships between terms. After finding appropriate terms, you can submit a search for those terms in the database Descriptors field.

To View Results: Click on the "View Records" link located above each record.

Marking Records: In front of each record is a check box. Clicking on that box allows you to separate the records that you are interested in viewing, saving, emailing or printing.

Save/Print/Email Records: After marking selected records and clicking on the "**View Marked Records**" button records can be **Save/Print/Email** by selecting that button. From that screen make the desired selections.

Obtaining Items Full-Text: Each record (citation or full record view) has an **SFX** button. Click on that button to determine if the material is available at UF. If the material is available in electronic format the journal publisher or database will be listed in the box that opens. To determine if UF owns the material in paper format select the **Search the UF catalog** link. This will open a new window that will automatically execute a search of the WebLuis.

Other CSA Databases: UF purchases a number of databases from this company. More than one may be searched simultaneously.

Save to RefWorks: This is an Internet-based bibliographic management program that allows you to create your own personal database of references. References can be automatically imported from a search performed in an online database or entered manually. Searching tools within RefWorks allow easy navigation of the database. Refworks also allows you to format your references for papers and bibliographies in a variety of output styles, including APA, MLA, Turabian, and Chicago.

Help: For more detailed information, click on **Help** on the upper right corner toolbar to access help information.

For further help with database searching, call the Reference Desk at the UF HSC Library 352-392-3585.

For HSC Library database access information, call the Informatics Lab at 352-392-3854.

For the Borland Library, Jacksonville call: 904-244-3240.