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ABSTRACT

The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) offers Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (HPRD) faculty and students access to the largest collection of educational literature available today. This digest discusses how to assess ERIC, the importance of the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors, and how to use Thesaurus descriptors, and lists HPRD descriptors from the Thesaurus under the following headings: (1) athletics; (2) dance; (3) health; (4) physical education; (5) recreation; and (6) sports/activities.

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Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), created in 1966, offers Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (HPRD) faculty and students access to the largest collection of educational literature today. The ERIC database contains more than 500,000 documents on numerous education topics. This digest discusses how to access ERIC, the importance of the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*, how to use *Thesaurus* descriptors, and lists HPRD descriptors from the *Thesaurus*.

How to Access ERIC

ERIC is accessible both on computer and through printed indexes, *Resources in Education (RIE)* and *Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE)*. The full text of RIE documents is available on microfiche at more than 750 libraries and educational institutions nationwide. *CIJE* is an annotated index to articles on education from more than 700 journals.

Importance of the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*

The ERIC database contains extensive information on health, physical education, recreation, and dance. The information is abstracted and indexed for *RIE* and *CIJE* using key words (descriptors) from a controlled vocabulary in the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*. It is important to use the *Thesaurus* because knowledge of ERIC terminology is essential for any search. A researcher should begin a search by translating the ideas in the research question into the descriptors listed in an up-to-date *Thesaurus*. Using ERIC descriptors saves time for searchers and money in computer searching because the citations retrieved will be pertinent and useful. Scope notes in the *Thesaurus* clarify the usage of descriptors in ERIC that might otherwise be misinterpreted or bring extraneous citations. After choosing descriptors from the *Thesaurus*, researchers should next refer to the print indexes in *RIE* or *CIJE* or conduct a computer search of the ERIC database.

How to Use *Thesaurus* Descriptors

The key to an "on target" search strategy is the proper selection of ERIC descriptors from the *Thesaurus*. The descriptors can be used alone or in combination with other descriptors to narrow the search for the exact documents needed. For example, a teacher who wants information on the evaluation of high school physical education programs could use the descriptors Physical Education, Evaluation, and Program/s. Appropriate mandatory educational level descriptors from the *Thesaurus* (High Schools, Junior High Schools, and Secondary Education) would also be used in a computer search to receive citations pertinent to those grade levels.

First-time ERIC users should ask someone knowledgeable about searching the system (e.g., librarian) for assistance in designing a search strategy. The following list of HPRD descriptors have been selected from the *Thesaurus* to assist all users in designing a strategy to search either the print indexes or the computer database. The descriptors are listed under the following categories: athletics, dance, health, physical education, recreation, and sports/activities. These descriptors can be used to describe precisely the topic being searched. Other non-HPRD descriptors can be obtained from the *Thesaurus*.

For further information, contact the User Services Coordinator, ERIC Clearinghouse on Teacher Education, AACTE, One Dupont Circle, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 293-2450.

HPRD Descriptors

The dates in parenthesis mean the terms were used during those years but are no longer utilized. The older terms should be used, however, when searching the years listed in parenthesis.

ATHLETICS

Athletes
Athletic Coaches
Athletic Equipment
Athletic Fields
Athletics
Co-curricular Activities (1966-1980) use Extracurricular Activities
College Athletics
Competition
Extramural Athletic Programs (1966-1980) use Extramural Athletics
Females
Interscholastic Activities use Extramural Athletics
Intramural Athletic Programs (1966-1980) use Intramural Athletics
Intramural Sports
Males
Sports News use Athletics and News Media
Sports Reporting use Athletics and News Reporting
Sportsmanship
Women's Athletics

DANCE

Dance
Dance (Aerobic) use Aerobics and Dance
Dance Education
Dance Therapy

HEALTH

Alcohol Education
Alcoholic Beverages
Alcoholism
Allied Health Education use Allied Health Occupations Education
Allied Health Occupations
Allied Health Occupations Education
Allied Health Personnel
Anorexia Nervosa
Behavior Modification
Biofeedback
Blood Circulation
Body Height
Body Weight
Bulimia
Burnout
Cancer
Cardiac (1968-1980) use Heart Disorders
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
Cardiovascular System
Chemical Dependency use Drug Addiction
Cigarette Smoking use Smoking
Circulatory System use Cardiovascular System
Communicable Diseases
Community Health (1960-1987) use Public Health
Contraception
Coping
Diabetes
Dietetics
Dietitians
Diets use Dietetics
Disabilities
Diseases
Drinking
Drug Abuse
Drug Addiction
Drug Education
Drug Legislation
Drug Rehabilitation
Drug Therapy
Eating Habits
Educational Gerontology
Family Health
Fertility Rate use Birth Rate
First Aid
Genetics
Gerontology
Gynecology
Habit Formation
Health
Health Activities
Health Activities Handbooks (1966-1980) use Guides and Health Materials

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Health Conditions
 Health Education
 Health Materials
 Health Needs
 Health Occupations
 Health Occupation Centers (1968-1980)
 Health Occupations Education (1967-1980) use Allied Health
 Occupations Education
 Health Workers use Allied Health Personnel
 Heart Disorders
 Heart Rate
 Heredity
 High Blood Pressure use Hypertension
 Human Sexuality use Sexuality
 Hygiene
 Illegal Drug Use
 Infectious Diseases (1966-1974) use Communicable Diseases
 Injuries
 Iron Deficiency Anemia use Anemia
 Malnutrition use Nutrition
 Marijuana
 Maturation (1967-1980)
 Metabolism
 Narcotics
 Narcotics Addiction use Drug Addiction
 Nutrition
 Nutrition Instruction
 Obesity
 Occupational Diseases
 Oncology
 Overweight use Obesity
 Peer Pressure use Peer Influence
 Pregnancy
 Pregnant Students
 Public Health
 Public Health Legislation
 Reproduction (Biology)
 Sex Differences
 Sex Education
 Smoking
 Social Drinking use Drinking
 Special Health Problems
 Stimulants
 Stress Management
 Stress Variables
 Tobacco
 Tumors (Malignant) use Cancer

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Adapted Physical Education
 Aerobics
 Aquatic Sports
 Basic Skills
 Calisthenics
 Childrens Games
 Exercise
 Exercise Physiology
 Eye Hand Coordination
 Fatigue (Biology)
 Feedback
 Gymnasium
 Human Posture
 Locker Rooms
 Motor Ability use Psychomotor Skills
 Motor Development
 Motor Reactions
 Motor Skills use Psychomotor Skills
 Movement Education
 Muscle Sense use Kinesthetic Perception
 Muscular Activities use Motor Reactions
 Muscular Exercise use Exercise
 Muscular Extensions use Motor Reactions
 Muscular Flexions use Motor Reactions
 Muscular Strength
 Neurological Impairments
 Perceptual Motor Coordination
 Physical Activity Level
 Physical Characteristics
 Physical Conditioning use Physical Fitness
 Physical Development
 Physical Education
 Physical Education Facilities
 Physical Education Teachers
 Physical Educators
 Physical Exercise use Exercise

Physical Fitness
 Physical Health
 Physical Mobility
 Physical Performance use Physical Fitness
 Physical Strength use Muscular Strength
 Physical Tests use Physical Examinations
 Physical Therapists
 Physical Therapy
 Play
 Posture Development use Human Posture
 Posture Patterns use Human Posture
 Psychomotor Skills
 Reaction Time
 Sex Fairness

RECREATION

Adventure Education
 Boat Operators
 Community Recreation Legislation (1960-1978) use Local Legislation
 and Recreation Legislation
 Local Recreation Legislation (1960-1978) use Local Legislation
 and Recreation Legislation
 Parks
 Physical Recreation Programs
 Recreation
 Recreation Finances
 Recreation Legislation
 Recreation Therapy use Therapeutic Recreation
 Recreational Activities
 Recreational Facilities
 Recreational Programs
 Therapeutic Recreation

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Aquatic Sports
 Badminton
 Baseball
 Basketball
 Bicycling
 Bowling
 Football
 Gymnastics
 Hobbies
 Horseback Riding
 Ice Hockey
 Ice Skating
 Individual Activities
 Jogging
 Lifetime Sports
 Lifting
 Orienteering
 Outdoor Activities
 Platform Diving use Diving
 Racquet Sports
 Racquetball
 Running
 Sailing
 Siding
 Snow Skiing use Skiing
 Soccer
 Softball
 Sports use Athletics
 Springboard Diving use Diving
 Squash (Game)
 Surfing
 Swimming
 Tumbling
 Volleyball
 Water Polo
 Water Sports use Aquatic Sports
 Waterskiing
 Weight Training use Weightlifting
 Weightlifting
 Wrestling

Additional Resources

Another way to locate topics in a Computer Search is to search the identifier field. The following identifiers may become descriptors: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Body Composition, Health Promotion, Menstruation, and Sports Medicine.

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