HOW ERIC DEVELOPS THESAURUS TERMS

ERIC develops terms for the Thesaurus to keep it current, relevant, and useful. Thesaurus descriptors are used to index ERIC content, and searching with Thesaurus descriptors increases the relevance of your results.

1. TERM IDENTIFICATION
ERIC Indexers identify and propose new or revised descriptors and synonyms based on their work with ERIC content. ERIC also requests new term ideas from users.

2. TERM SELECTION
ERIC Taxonomists select terms for further development considering the term’s uniqueness, staying power, and "literary warrant," meaning the term appears regularly in ERIC literature.

3. TERM PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT
ERIC Taxonomists research the term's usage in ERIC and other reference tools, then develop the Thesaurus term entry.

4. TERM REVIEW & APPROVAL
ERIC indexers and quality assurance staff review proposals to recommend to the Department of Education. The Department reviews and approves any changes.

5. THESAURUS UPDATE
The ERIC Thesaurus is updated with approved additions and changes.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- Scope Note Activities to enhance professional career growth.
- Category Labor and Employment
- Broader Terms Labor Force Development
- Narrower Terms Faculty Development
- Related Terms Assessment Centers (Personnel) Capacity Building Career Change Coaching (Performance) Collegiality Communities of Practice
- Use this term instead of: Professional Growth