

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) features

- Indexes journal articles and ERIC Documents (conference papers, books, etc.)
- Covers all aspects of education and teaching, 1966-present
- Offers ability to search for similar articles using ERIC descriptors
- Can limit results to articles in peer-reviewed journals, and find information about authors

Accessing and Using ERIC via CSA Illumina:

1. From the library's home page (lib.umflint.edu), select "Education" on the "Please Select a Subject" pop-up menu and click "Go."
2. Click on *ERIC via CSA Illumina*.
 - Off campus, UM-Flint students and staff will have to log on using their username and campus password.
3. Enter your search terms in the boxes (one search term may be more than one word, such as "teacher certification"). Phrases typed into one search box are searched as a phrase, by default. NOTE: terms typed in search boxes in one row are combined using the logical operator "or" and should be used to search terms with similar meanings like "women" or "female". Terms typed in search boxes in one column will be combined with the operator "and," by default, and should be used to search for articles that discuss both terms (for more information on logical operators see handout "Getting Started in Database Searching").

Or, search for appropriate descriptors from the ERIC thesaurus: Click the Search Tools tab, then click the Thesaurus tab on the resulting display. Type your terms in the "Browse Thesaurus for:" box. You will retrieve an alphabetical list of descriptors which may provide alternate ways of searching for your topic.

4. By default, your terms are searched for "Anywhere." That is, you will retrieve results in which your terms are found anywhere in the record for an article: in the title, author, subject headings, etc. Specific fields, like author, title etc., may be searched using the pop-up menus to the right of the search boxes.
5. Apply limits, by clicking the boxes below, as appropriate. You may limit by date, to journal articles only, to ERIC documents only, or to English language only.
6. Click on the "Search" button to begin the search. In the resulting list you can:
 - Click on the title of the article for the complete citation and abstract.
 - Click on the author's name for other items by the same author.
 - Click on a *Descriptor* (subject heading) for other articles with that descriptor.
7. After clicking the article title to see the complete citation and abstract, click on "Find full text" to find out if the library has the article in either an online or print journal. See handout, "Journal Finder" for more information on getting copies of articles.
8. If you find an appropriate article and click on the title to see the complete citation and abstract, you can look for similar articles by clicking the boxes in front of the "Descriptors" that most accurately describe your topic, and click "Go." This action performs a new search on those topics.