

KEYWORD DEVELOPMENT

Module 3.1

Keyword Development

1. Keywords and keyword phrases are the terms you will use to research your topic in the online catalog and online databases.
2. Write down all of your ideas, interesting terms, names, concepts that you encounter while researching, reading, and during class discussions.
3. By developing a keyword list, you are designing a customized “research language” that allows you to communicate with the databases.
4. Your keyword list will also become a valuable thesaurus of terms that will come in handy when you begin to write your papers, articles, and dissertations.
5. Creating a **Keyword List** to use throughout the researching process is a great way to streamline your time spent researching in the online databases.

Creating a Keyword List

1. This allows you to learn and develop your knowledge of your field's unique and evolving vocabulary.
2. A Keyword List is something you will continue to grow and develop throughout the researching and writing process.



Where to find Keywords

JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE!!!

- Brainstorming
- Class discussions
- Discussion boards
- Writing (use Thesaurus feature within Word)
- Online Databases
- Articles or books
- TV / Radio / Movies
- Thesaurus
- Class lectures
- Newspapers

Write down anything of interest.

Using the Online Database to add to your Keyword List

As you search in the online databases, notice that the database you are using is probably giving you clues for additional keywords to add to your list.

Try a search using the database CINAHL. Notice the narrowers In the left toolbar.



Evaluating clinical competence assessment.

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And don't forget the value of the article record!!!!

There is usually a section labeled: descriptors, author supplied keywords, or subjects. You can find new buzz words and the vocabulary being used by researchers in the field.

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Questions?

- Learn how to apply your ideas and keywords to searching the online databases.
- You will begin the **Introduction to Integrated Search** and learn various advanced searching strategies.

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