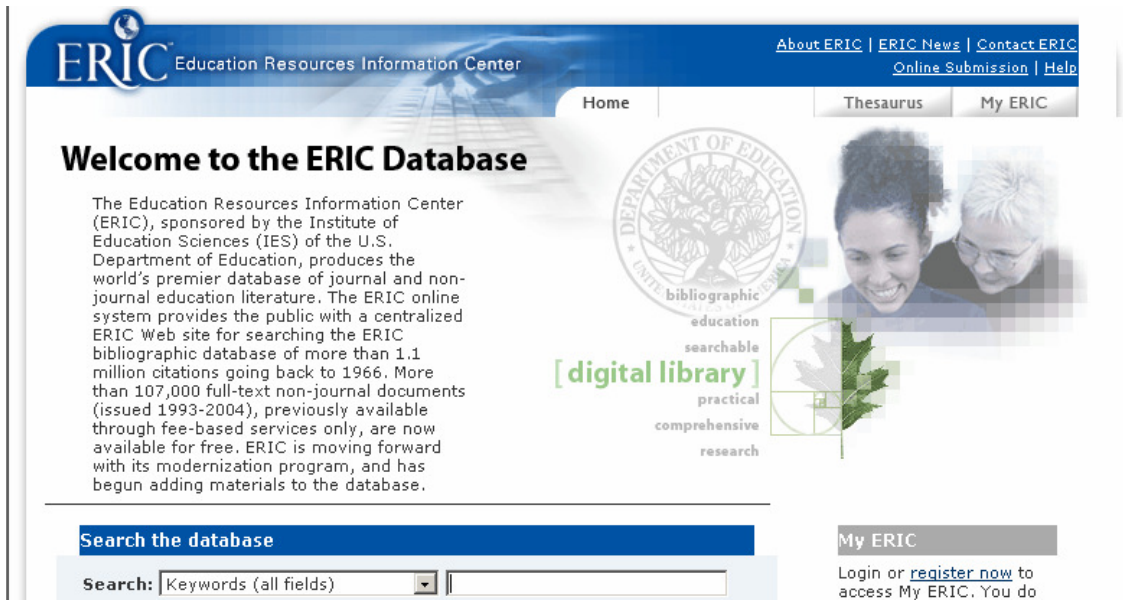


ERIC (Education Resources Information Center)



The screenshot shows the ERIC website homepage. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the ERIC logo and the text "Education Resources Information Center". To the right of the logo are links for "About ERIC", "ERIC News", "Contact ERIC", "Online Submission", and "Help". Below the navigation bar are three tabs: "Home", "Thesaurus", and "My ERIC". The main content area features a large heading "Welcome to the ERIC Database" followed by a paragraph of text describing the database's history and scope. To the right of the text is a graphic with the Department of Education seal and the words "bibliographic", "education", "searchable", "practical", "comprehensive", and "research". Below the text is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "Keywords (all fields)" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar is a "My ERIC" section with a "Login or register now to access My ERIC. You do" link.

Microfiche collection 1960-2004

The U.S. Department of Education, beginning in 1960 provided a clearinghouse of journal citations and publications on education topics. This program included a collection of documents by federal and state agencies, reports by educational associations, lesson plans, guides, statistics, tests, bibliographies, etc. The non-journal collection was indexed by *Research in Education* and *Resources in Education (RIE)*. The journal collection which consisted of over 800 education related titles was indexed by *Current Index to Journals in Education*.

The full-text ED reports were produced on microfiche by ERIC Documents on Microfiche (EDRS) until 2004. They were purchased by the library and can be found on the 2nd floor in specially designated fiche cabinets.

ERIC Database

The current database contains more than one million abstracts of documents and journal citations. The database locates educational topics from the 1960's to the present date. New peer reviewed journals, some full-text journal articles and over 107,000 full-text reports generally beginning in 1993 can be found in the database.

ERIC can be accessed via the Internet at www.eric.gov or through our commercial vendor EbscoHost/Academic Search Premier. The commercial vendor has some added features such as allowing you to search ERIC in conjunction with other databases.

Note:

Depository libraries such as Louisiana Tech also received 10% of the ERIC documents as part of the government depository program. These are reports which were produced solely by the government. They were distributed in microfiche until 2002 and are shelved with the government document microfiche on the 2nd floor. The Department of Education began providing electronic versions of the reports in 2002 and these can be located by searching the Tech library catalog or GPO Access <<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/eric/index.html>> as searchable PDF files, beginning with ED 463411.

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