Abstracts
*Brief informative summaries of the salient points of a document.*
Related term(s): Bibliographies
- Indexes

Abuse
*Mental or physical harm inflicted upon a person.*
Narrow term(s): Child abuse
- Substance abuse
Related term(s): Violence
Use for: Domestic violence
- Elder abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Verbal abuse

Academic achievement
*Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Education
- Learning

Access guides
*Documents describing accessibility of parks, airports, cities, and other facilities.*
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Accessibility
- Handbooks
- Program accessibility
Use for: Guides

Access to care
*Access to health care, rehabilitative care, and mental health services. Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Health care

Accessibility
*Relative ease of negotiating obstacles, buildings, rooms, or other places by persons with crutches, in wheelchairs, or with other mobility restrictions; use more specific term listed below under Narrow terms when applicable.*
Antonym: Barriers

Narrow term(s): Accessible Media
- Architectural accessibility
- Program accessibility
- Transportation accessibility
- Universal design
Related term(s): Access guides
- Accessibility legislation
- Accommodation
- Architectural barriers
- Architecture
Use for: Barrier free

Accessibility legislation
*Laws or legislative actions in the area of accessibility.*
Broad term(s): Legislation
Related term(s): Accessibility
- ADA
- Architectural accessibility
- Program accessibility
- Section 504
- Section 508
- Transportation accessibility

Accessible information
*Information presented in a manner that is accessible to people with disabilities.*
Use term(s): Accessibility

Alternative formats
Accessible media
Information resources

Accessible media
*Visual, audio, electronic, or broadcast media that is accessible to all users with disabilities. Term added July 2005.*
Broad term(s): Accessibility Media
- Technology
- Computers
- Internet
- Television
Narrow term(s): Audiovisual materials
- Braille
- Information resources
Related term(s): Alternative formats
- Electronic publishing
- Instructional materials
Accident prevention

Use term(s): Safety

Accommodation
Modification of the environment or the workplace to accommodate needs of persons with disabilities; includes providing or modifying equipment or devices, and building or modifying a work station.

Related term(s): Accessibility
- ADA
- Architecture
- Employment
- Environmental control systems
- Facilities standards
- Job modification
- Home

Use for: Work adaptation

Accountability
Process of quality control, responsibility for actions or services.

Related term(s): Counseling techniques
- Needs assessment
- Placement
- Service delivery

Use for: Quality assurance
- Responsibility

Accounting
System of resolving and summarizing business and financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results; includes accountants.

Related term(s): Budget
- Contract procurement
- Cost benefit analysis
- Costs
- Management

Use for: Finance
- Recordkeeping

Accreditation
Licensing of facilities; for licensing of professionals, use CERTIFICATION.

Related term(s): Certification
- Facilities standards
- Rehabilitation facilities

Use for: Licensing

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Use term(s): HIV
- Sexually transmitted diseases

Activities of daily living (ADL)

Use term(s): Daily living

Acupuncture

Use term(s): Alternative medicine

Acute care
Medical care that is meant to stabilize one’s short-term medical condition and minimize complications. Acute rehabilitation includes both medical and rehabilitation services. Term added September 2005.

Broad term(s): Medical treatment
- Postacute care
- Subacute care

ADA
Americans with Disabilities Act: Federal civil rights legislation passed in 1990 that extends federal protection against discrimination for persons with disabilities in the areas of employment, public services, public accommodations and services operated by private entities, and telecommunications.

Broad term(s): Legislation
- Accessibility legislation
- Accommodation
- Affirmative action

ADAAG

Use term(s): Architectural accessibility
- Transportation accessibility

Adaptation

Use term(s): Adjustment

Adaptive devices

Use term(s): Devices
Adaptive equipment
Use term(s): Assistive technology

Adaptive technology
Use term(s): Assistive technology

Addiction
Use term(s): Behavior disorders
  Substance abuse

Adjustment
Includes acquisition of habits, attitudes, and skills enabling persons with disabilities to function as effectively as possible; includes community adjustment.
Narrow term(s): Work adjustment
Related term(s): Attitudes
  Attitudinal barriers
Use for: Coping
  Adaptation
  Life-stage adjustment
  Personal adjustment
  Social adjustment

Administration
Use term(s): Management
  Planning

Administrators
Key executives in a business, program, or agency.
Broad term(s): Personnel
Related term(s): Business
  Management
  Professionals
  Supervisors
Use for: Executives

Adolescents
Use term(s): Youth

Adoption
Includes adopted children, adoption process or programs; focuses on children with disabilities who are available for adoption.

Related term(s): Children
  Family life
  Parents

Adult education
Includes a range of instructional and learning activities for those who have completed or discontinued their formal preparatory education.
Broad term(s): Education
Related term(s): Continuing education

Adults
Individuals aged 18 or older
Narrow term(s): Older adults
Related term(s): Aging
  Females
  Males

Advertising
Use term(s): Marketing
  Public relations

Advocacy
Activities aimed at changing public policy or obtaining benefits for individual consumers; includes public education, case advocacy, legal rights, and advocates.
Related term(s): Affirmative action
  Consumers
  Independent living
  Leadership
  Legal concerns
  Legislation
  Public relations
  Self help
Use for: Civil rights
  Consumer groups
  Disability rights
  Lobbying

AFDC
Federally funded financial assistance program for needy families with dependent children.
Related term(s): Low income
  Poverty
  Unemployment
  Welfare
Use for: Aid to families with dependent children
**Affirmative action**

*Hiring and promoting individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, ancestry, or disability; includes aspects of civil rights, legal rights, discrimination, bias, and confidentiality.*

Broad term(s): Diversity
  - Hiring practices

Related term(s): ADA
  - Advocacy
  - Employment legislation
  - Employment
  - Legal concerns
  - Personnel
  - Section 504

**African Americans**

Broad term(s): Ethnic groups
Related term(s): Sickle cell anemia
Use for: Afro-Americans
  - Blacks
  - Negroes

**Use term(s): African Americans**

**Aged**

Use term(s): Aging
  - Older adults

**Agencies**

Use term(s): Federal agencies
  - Municipal/regional agencies
  - State agencies

**Aggression**

*Includes hostile or destructive behavior or outlook, and behavior marked by driving forceful energy or initiative; also includes aggressiveness and aggressors.*

Broad term(s): Behavior
  - Behavior problems

Related term(s): Assertiveness
  - Behavior modification
  - Personality

**Aging**

*Includes the aged, elderly, older adults, geriatrics, gerontology, and all aspects of the aging process.*

Related term(s): Adults
  - Alzheimer’s disease
  - Family life
  - Geriatric rehabilitation
  - Nursing homes
  - OASDI
  - OASI
  - Older adults
  - Older workers
  - Retirement

Use for: Aged
  - Elderly persons
  - Gerontology

**Agriculture**

*Includes farmers.*

Related term(s): Horticulture
  - Migrants

Use for: Farming

Aid to Families with Dependent Children

**Use term(s): AFDC**

**Aides**

**Use term(s): Attendant care**

**AIDS**

**Use term(s): HIV**
  - Sexually transmitted diseases

AIDS related complex

**Use term(s): HIV**

**Air transportation**

*Transportation by airplane; includes airports.*

Broad term(s): Transportation
Related term(s): Public transportation
  - Rail transportation
  - Transportation accessibility
  - Travel:

**Alcoholism**

*Includes alcoholics, treatment of alcoholism, as well as persons with disabilities and alcoholism.*

Broad term(s): Substance abuse
Related term(s): Fetal alcohol syndrome
Aliens
**Use term(s): Foreign born**

**Allergies**
*Immune disorders; hypersensitivity to specific substances.*
Broad term(s): Chronic illness
  - Respiratory disease
Narrow term(s): Asthma
Related term(s): Immunology
  - Skin disorders

Allied health personnel
**Use term(s): Health personnel**
  - Medical personnel
  - Paraprofessionals

Almanacs
**Use term(s): Handbooks**

ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis)
**Use term(s): Neuromuscular disorders**

Alternative communication
**Use term(s): Augmentative and alternative communication**
  - Communication devices

Alternative formats
*Term added July 2005.*
Narrow term(s): Audiovisual materials
  - Braille
Related term(s): Accessible media

**Alternative medicine**
*Treatment of a medical condition by means other than those generally accepted by the medical community.*
Broad term(s): Holism
Use for: Acupuncture
  - Chiropractic treatments
  - Herbal treatments

**Alzheimer's disease**
*Disease characterized by progressive dementia.*
Related term(s): Aging
  - Dementia

**Ambulation**
*Act of walking, including gait.*
Broad term(s): Body movement
Related term(s): Equilibrium
  - Mobility
  - Mobility aids
  - Mobility training
  - Wheelchairs
Use for: Body coordination
  - Gait
  - Locomotion

American Indians
**Use term(s): Native Americans**

**American Sign Language**
*An American system of communication using manual signs.*
Broad term(s): Language
  - Sign language
Related term(s): Communication
  - Communication skills
  - Interpreters
  - Interpreting
  - Language learning
Use for: ASL

Amplification systems
**Use term(s): Sensory aids**

Amputations
*Removal of a limb or limbs, or a part thereof; includes amputees.*
Broad term(s): Surgery
Related term(s): Orthopedics
  - Prosthetics
Use for: Trauma

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
**Use term(s): Neuromuscular disorders**

Analysis
**Use term(s): Evaluation**

**Anatomy**
*Study of the human body*
Narrow term(s): Back
Body
Bones
Joints
Limbs
Muscles
Nerves
Nervous system
Spinal cord
Spine
Related term(s): Medicine
Physiology

Anemia
*Hematologic disorder.*
Broad term(s): Blood disorders
Narrow term(s): Sickle cell anemia
Use for: Ischemia

Animal studies
*Studies involving non-human subjects; term added June 1989.*
Broad term(s): Research

Animals
*Includes pet therapy, animal companions for persons with disabilities, guide dogs, seeing eye dogs, hearing dogs, dog training; excludes research animals; for research on animals, use ANIMAL STUDIES.*
Use for: Pets
Service animals

Ankle
Use term(s): Joints

Annual reports
*Reports issued yearly by an agency, institution, or business giving an overview of activities.*
Related term(s): Final reports

Anorexia
Use term(s): Eating disorders

Anxiety disorders
*Term added June 1989.*
Broad term(s): Emotional disorders
Psychiatric disabilities

Aphasia
*Loss or impairment of power of speech or ability to comprehend spoken or written language.*
Broad term(s): Speech impairments
Related term(s): Brain injuries
Language
Language learning
Speech
Speech therapy
Stroke
Stuttering

Appropriations
*Authorized sums of money set aside to pay certain known or anticipated costs of a given program, item, or service.*
Related term(s): Financial aid
Funding
Grants

ARC
Use term(s): HIV

Architectural accessibility
*Providing entry to buildings or houses to all individuals regardless of their physical or mental characteristics; includes parking lots, voting booths, sidewalks, and other types of structures.*
Antonym: Architectural barriers
Broad term(s): Accessibility
Related term(s): Accessibility legislation
Architecture
Bathrooms
Facilities
Home modification
Housing
Program accessibility
Universal design
Use for: ADAAG
Signage
**Architectural barriers**
*Structural obstacles barring access of persons with physical disabilities to a place, building, vehicle; includes building design which limits use by persons with mobility or sensory difficulties such as curbs, door sizes, restrooms, and so forth.*
Antonym: Architectural accessibility
Broad term(s): Barriers
Related term(s): Accessibility
  - Architecture
  - Facilities
  - Housing

**Architecture**
*General term used in discussing aspects of a building not related to architectural barriers or accessibility.*
Related term(s): Accessibility
  - Accommodation
  - Architectural accessibility
  - Architectural barriers
  - Facilities
  - Housing
  - Universal design

Armed forces
*Use term(s): Military*

Arms
*Use term(s): Limbs*

**Art therapy**
*Using art in the treatment or remediation of persons with disabilities.*
Broad term(s): Therapy
Related term(s): Arts
  - Bibliotherapy
  - Music therapy
  - Occupational therapy
  - Physical therapy
  - Psychotherapy

**Arthritis**
*Chronic disease of the joints.*
Broad term(s): Chronic illness
  - Musculoskeletal disorders
Related term(s): Joints
  - Limbs

Muscles
Pain
Use for: Rheumatic diseases

**Artificial intelligence**
*Use term(s): Decision support systems*

**Arts**
*Includes plays, art, theater, crafts, movies, and other art forms; includes entertainers and artists.*
Related term(s): Art therapy
  - Bibliotherapy
  - Leisure
  - Music therapy
  - Recreation
  - Therapy

**Ashkenazi Jews**
*Ethnic group tracing its origins to Eastern European Jews.*
Broad term(s): Ethnic groups
Use for: Eastern European Jews

**Asian Americans**
Broad term(s): Ethnic groups

**ASL (American Sign Language)**
*Use term(s): American Sign Language*

**Asperger’s syndrome**
*Use term(s): Autism*

**Assertiveness**
*Includes assertiveness training*
Broad term(s): Behavior
Related term(s): Aggression
  - Behavior modification

**Assessment**
*Use term(s): Diagnosis*
  - Evaluation
  - Needs assessment
  - Tests*
**Assistive technology**

*Broad term encompassing both high- and low-technology devices designed to aid people with disabilities.*

**Broad term(s): Technology**

**Narrow term(s):**
- Augmentative and alternative communication
  - Communication devices
  - Mobility aids
  - Sensory aids
  - Technology assistance programs

**Related term(s):**
- Computers
  - Devices
  - Engineering
  - Medical technology
  - Technology development
  - Technology transfer

**Use for:**
- Instrumentation
  - Adaptive equipment
  - Adaptive technology

**Associations**

**Use term(s):** Organizations

**Asthma**

*Immune disorders characterized by wheezing and coughing due to spasmodic contractions of the bronchi.*

**Broad term(s):**
- Allergies
  - Chronic illness
  - Respiratory disease

**Atrophy**

**Use term(s):** Muscular impairments

**Attendant care**

*Personal care provided for persons with disabilities usually not in an institutional setting; includes attendants, recruitment, and training.*

**Related term(s):**
- Day care
  - Independent living
  - Long term care
  - Personal assistance services
  - Respite care

**Use for:**
- Aides
  - Personal assistance
  - Personal care attendants

**Attention deficit disorders**

*Disorders involving impaired attention span; term added June 1989.*

**Use for:**
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

**Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**

**Use term(s):** Attention deficit disorders

**Attitudes**

*General term used only when a more specific term does not apply; includes bias, discrimination, client attitudes, employee attitudes, social attitudes, and feelings.*

**Broad term(s):** Personality

**Narrow term(s):**
- Attitudes toward disabilities
  - Counselor attitudes
  - Employer attitudes
  - Work attitudes

**Related term(s):**
- Adjustment
  - Attitudinal barriers
  - Diversity
  - Motivation
  - Perception
  - Self concept

**Use for:**
- Prejudice

**Attitudes toward disabilities**

*Attitudes expressed toward people with disabilities and/or the disabilities themselves. Term added September 2005.*

**Broad term(s):** Attitudes

**Narrow term(s):** Discrimination

**Use for:**
- Attitudes toward disabled

**Attitudes toward disabled**

**Use term(s):**

**Attitudinal barriers**

*Attitudes and feelings which negatively affect the integration of persons with disabilities into society.*

**Broad term(s):** Barriers

**Related term(s):**
- Adjustment
- Attitudes
Counselor attitudes
Employer attitudes
Self concept

**Audiology**
*Includes study of hearing disorders, particularly the rehabilitation of individuals with impaired hearing.*
Narrow term(s): Augmentative and alternative communication
Related term(s): Audiometry
  - Communication
  - Communication skills
  - Hearing aids
  - Hearing impairments
Use for: Hearing

**Audiometry**
*Testing and measurement of hearing acuity*
Related term(s): Audiology
  - Hearing impairments
  - Tests

**Audiovisual materials**
*Includes documents about nonprint materials and audiovisual equipment. Excludes microfilm, microfiche, or micrographics. For specific audiovisual formats, the format type is listed on the call number line of the database record following the call number; the following formats are used: Audio Cassette, Audio Disk, Audio Tape, Film, Filmstrip, Slide Tape, Video Cassette, and Video Tape.*
Broad term(s): Accessible media
  - Alternative formats
Related term(s): Micrographics
  - Telecommunications
  - Television
Use for: Audiovisuals
  - Film
  - Multimedia
  - Slide tape
  - Video cassette
  - Video tape

Audiovisuals
*Use term(s): Audiovisual materials*

**Augmentative and alternative communication**
*Electronic and non-electronic devices and methods that help persons with speech and/or hearing disabilities. Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Assistive technology
  - Audiology
  - Communication
  - Speech
Related term(s): Communication devices
Use for: Alternative communication

**Autism**
*Absorption in subjective mental activity, especially when accompanied by marked withdrawal from reality.*
Broad term(s): Developmental disabilities
  - Disabilities
  - Psychiatric disabilities
Use for: Asperger’s syndrome

**Autobiography**
*Use term(s): Biographies*

**Autoimmune disorders**
*Autoimmune disorders are conditions caused by an immune response against the body’s own tissues.*
Broad term(s): Immune system
  - Immune system disorders
Narrow term(s): Lupus
  - Multiple sclerosis
Related term(s): HIV

Babies
*Use term(s): Infants*

**Back**
Broad term(s): Anatomy
Narrow term(s): Spine
Related term(s): Back pain
  - Orthopedics
Scoliosis
Spinal cord injuries

Back injuries
**Use term(s):** Back pain
  Spinal cord injuries
  Spine

**Back pain**
Includes muscular damage or injury to the back, back problems or back care; for injuries to the spinal column, use SPINAL CORD INJURIES.
Broad term(s): Pain
Related term(s): Back
  Orthopedics
  Spinal cord injuries
  Spine
Use for: Back injuries
  Low back pain

Bacterial infection
**Use term(s):** Infections

Balance
**Use term(s):** Equilibrium

Barrier free access
**Use term(s):** Accessibility
  Program accessibility

Barrier free design
**Use term(s):** Universal design

**Barriers**
Environmental conditions which hinder or restrict full participation in daily life. For prejudicial and similar barriers, see ATTITUdINAL BARRIERS. For facility, furniture, or design barriers, use ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS.
Antonym: Accessibility
Narrow term(s): Architectural barriers
  Attitudinal barriers

**Bathrooms**
Related term(s): Architectural accessibility
  Home modification
  Housing

Universal design
Use for: Toilet room

Bed sores
**Use term(s):** Pressure sores

**Behavior**
Individual conduct in response to environment and stimuli.
Narrow term(s): Aggression
  Assertiveness
  Behavior problems
  Group behavior
Related term(s): Behavior modification
  Depression
  Emotions
  Motivation
  Personality
  Self concept

**Behavior disorders**
Disorders resulting in aberrant behavior; term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Psychiatric disabilities
Related term(s): Behavior problems
  Emotional disorders
  Psychiatry
  Psychology
  Violence
Use for: Addiction

**Behavior modification**
Systematic process of using the consequences of a specific behavior to help individuals change their behavior, designed to change behavior in a direction desirable for functioning in society; includes reinforcement.
Related term(s): Aggression
  Assertiveness
  Behavior
  Behavior problems
  Biofeedback
  Disincentives
  Incentives
  Personality
  Psychiatric disabilities
Use for: Behavioral treatment
  Conditioning
Behavior problems
Problem behavior and behavior management strategies for problems not caused by psychiatric or psychological behavior disorders. For aberrant behavior caused by psychiatric or psychological conditions, use BEHAVIOR DISORDERS.
Broad term(s): Behavior
Narrow term(s): Aggression
Related term(s): Behavior disorders
Behavior modification
Violence
Use for: Problem behavior

Behavioral treatment
Use term(s): Behavior modification
Cognition

Bereavement
Use term(s): Grief

Bibliographies
Includes single documents composed entirely of bibliographic citations, documents with extensive bibliographies appended, and annotated bibliographies.
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Abstracts
Indexes

Bibliotherapy
Used to promote mental health through reading materials.
Broad term(s): Therapy
Related term(s): Art therapy
Arts
Music therapy

Biochemistry
Chemistry of living tissues or of life; physiological or biological chemistry.
Related term(s): Chemotherapy
Histology
Physiology

Bioengineering
Application of engineering to principles of biological or medical science.
Related term(s): Cybernetics
Electrophysiology
Rehabilitation engineering
Use for: Biomechanics

Biofeedback
Technique of making unconscious or involuntary bodily processes, such as heartbeat or brain waves, perceptible to the conscious mind in order to manipulate them by conscious mental control; used only when term is used in document.
Broad term(s): Feedback
Related term(s): Behavior modification

Biographies
Written accounts of persons' lives.
Related term(s): Disability studies
Use for: Autobiography

Biomaterials
Use term(s): Implants

Biomechanics
Use term(s): Bioengineering

Birth defects
Use term(s): Congenital disorders

Blacks
Use term(s): African Americans

Bladder
Use term(s): Bladder function
Urinary disorders

Bladder function
Includes function of the urinary system or gall-bladder; excludes bladder disorders.
Related term(s): Bowel function
Catheterization
Urinary disorders
Use for: Bladder
Toileting
Blind
Use for people who are blind and for services, schools, etc., for people who are blind. For conditions causing loss of sight, use BLINDNESS.

Broad term(s): Disabilities
Visual impairments

Related term(s): Blindness
Braille
Communication devices
Deaf blind
Low vision
Mobility training
Orientation

Blindness
A condition causing loss of sight. For material addressing people with blindness and services to people who are blind, use BLIND. For conditions causing partial blindness, use VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS.

Broad term(s): Disabilities
Visual impairments
Sensory impairments

Related term(s): Blindness
Deaf blind
Low vision

Use for: Vision loss

Block grants
Method used by the Federal Government to offer financial assistance to state and local governments; funds are targeted to a broad functional area to be used at the recipients’ discretion.

Broad term(s): Funding
Grants

Related term(s): Federal State relations

Blood disorders
Includes any illness caused by abnormality in the blood or bloodstream.

Narrow term(s): Anemia
Hemophilia
Sickle cell

Related term(s): Blood pressure

Blood pressure
Pressure exerted by the circulating blood on the walls of the vessels of the heart, especially the arteries; pressure as measured by sphygmomanometry

Related term(s): Blood disorders
Use for: High blood pressure
Hypertension

Body
Includes body parts not listed separately; for injuries, impairments, and disorders, use descriptors relating to specific disorder or treatment.

Broad term(s): Anatomy

Narrow term(s): Bones
Brain
Joints
Limbs
Muscles
Nerves
Spinal cord
Spine
Tissues

Related term(s): Anatomy
Physiology

Use for: Organs

Body coordination

Use term(s): Ambulation

Body movement

Equilibrium

Mobility

Motor skills

Body image

Use term(s): Self concept

Body movement
Body motion relating to skeletal, muscular, and visceral systems; includes range of motion, normal, or abnormal movement.

Narrow term(s): Ambulation
Spasticity

Related term(s): Bones
Equilibrium
Mobility
Motor skills

Use for: Body coordination
Human motion
Bone diseases

Use term(s): Bones

Bone disorders

Use term(s): Bones

**Bones**

Broad term(s): Anatomy
   Body
Related term(s): Body movement
   Joints
   Limbs
   Musculoskeletal disorders
   Orthopedics
Use for: Bone diseases
   Bone disorders

**Bowel function**

*Evacuation of feces*

Related term(s): Bladder function
   Urinary disorders
Use for: Toileting

**Boys**

Use term(s): Males and Youth

**Braces**

Use term(s): Orthotics

**Braille**

*Reading and writing system for the blind; made up of raised dots in a six dot cell arranged in two vertical columns.*

Broad term(s): Accessible media
   Alternative formats
   Tactile systems
Related term(s): Blind
   Communication devices
   Deaf blind
   Sensory aids
   Visual impairments
Use for: Signage

**Brain**

Broad term(s): Body
   Nervous system
Related term(s): Brain damage

Brain injuries
   Intelligence
   Nervous system

**Brain damage**

*Includes intracranial birth injury and/or its results.*

Related term(s): Brain
   Brain injuries
   Cerebral palsy
   Congenital disorders
   Neurological disorders
   Paralysis

**Brain injuries**

*Includes head and brain injuries occurring other than at birth.*

Broad term(s): Disabilities
   Injuries
Narrow term(s): Stroke
Related term(s): Aphasia
   Brain
   Coma
   Hemiplegia
   Neurological disorders
   Paralysis
   Paraplegia
   Quadriplegia
Use for: Closed head injuries
   Head injuries
   Trauma
   Traumatic brain injuries

**Breathing**

Use term(s): Respiratory disease

**Brothers**

Use term(s): Siblings

**Budget**

*Plan for coordinating resources and expenditures or the amount of money available for, required for, or assigned to a particular purpose; includes budgeting.*

Related term(s): Accounting
   Contract procurement
   Costs
   Income
Management
Planning
Use for: Finance

Building codes
**Use term(s): Architecture**
**Facilities standards**
**Standards**

Bulimia
**Use term(s): Eating disorders**

Burnout
Related term(s): Mental stress

Burns
*Includes treatment of burn injuries, burn therapy.*
Broad term(s): Skin disorders
Related term(s): Facial disfigurement
Use for: Trauma

Business
*Commercial or mercantile activity used as a means of livelihood; includes industry*
Related term(s): Administrators
  - Income
  - Supervisors
  - Taxes
  - Unions
Use for: Private sector

**Capacity building**
*Activities that increase an individual’s, population’s, or community’s ability for growth, development, or accomplishment. Term added July 2005.*
Broad term(s): Education
  - Training
  - Research
Related term(s): Participatory action research

**Captioning**
*Providing written text of spoken dialog in audiovisual displays. Includes closed and real-time captioning.*
Related term(s): Communication devices
  - Television
Use for: Subtitles

**Cardiac disorders**
*Disorders or diseases pertaining to the heart.*
Broad term(s): Chronic illness
Related term(s): Cardiopulmonary function
  - Cardiovascular function
Use for: Coronary
  - Heart disorders

**Cardiopulmonary function**
*Functions of heart and lungs*
Related term(s): Cardiac disorders
  - Pulmonary function
  - Respiratory

**Cardiovascular function**
*Functions of heart and blood vessels*
Related term(s): Cardiac disorders
  - Circulatory
Use for: Circulatory diseases

**Careers**
*For persons with disabilities only! Includes professions for which one trains, and which are undertaken as permanent callings; also includes career planning; for careers for nondisabled persons, use PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS.*
Related term(s): Education
  - Employment
  - Job descriptions
  - Job training techniques

Cancer
*Malignant tumor or neoplasm, a sarcoma or carcinoma; includes leukemia, Hodgkins’ Disease, and epithelioma.*
Related term(s): Chemotherapy
  - Facial disfigurement
Use for: Tumors
Manpower
Placement
Professional occupations
Professional training
Projects with industry
Training programs
Vocational evaluation
Vocational training

Use for: Occupational information

**Caregivers**

Non-professionals, often family members, who assist a person with an illness or disability; also, those who attend to a child or dependent adult. For professional caregivers, such as doctors, therapists, nurses, etc., use the appropriate professional terms.

Related term(s): Child care
- Children
- Family-centered care
- Family life
- Home care
- Older adults
- Parents
- Siblings
- Spouses

Use for: Caregiving
- Family caregivers
- Sandwich generation

**Use term(s): Caregivers**
- Home care

**Carpal tunnel syndrome**

Pressure on the median nerve causing soreness, tenderness, and weakness of the wrist; term added June 1989.

Broad term(s): Repetitive strain injuries
Related term(s): Joints

Case closure

**Use term(s): Closure**

Case flow

**Use term(s): Caseload management**

**Case management**

Facilitating the access of a person with a disability to appropriate medical, rehabilitation, and support programs, and coordination of the delivery of services.

Broad term(s): Social work
- Rehabilitation
Related term(s): Clinical management

Case recording

**Use term(s): Client records**

**Case reviews**

Used to describe one particular set of documents; in general, CASE STUDIES is used.

Related term(s): Case studies
- Client records

**Case studies**

Analysis of the origin of individual and family problems, and methods used in counseling; individualized counseling methods which utilize cumulative records or other data such as medical, social, psychological, vocational data; histories which help to explain an individual, family, or group.

Broad term(s): Counseling techniques
Related term(s): Case reviews
- Client characteristics

Use for: Casework

**Caseload management**

Specifically related to ratio of clients to counselor; includes caseload characteristics.

Broad term(s): Case management
Related term(s): Closure
- Counseling
- Time management

Use for: Case flow
- Casework

**Casework**

**Use term(s): Case studies**
- **Caseload management**
- **Closure**
Cata
g
cals  
Itemized descriptive lists  
Related term(s): Information resources

Cataracts  
**Use term(s): Low vision**

Catheterization  
*Pertains to use of a catheter to withdraw urine through a hollow tube.*  
Related term(s): Bladder function  
Urinary disorders

Cause of illness  
**Use term(s): Etiology**

Cells  
**Use term(s): Physiology**

Census  
*Periodic enumeration of a population.*  
Related term(s): Demographics  
National surveys  
Questionnaires  
Survey forms  
Surveys

Central nervous system  
**Use term(s): Nervous system**

Cerebral palsy  
*Congenital disease, usually non-progressive and dating from infancy or early childhood, characterized by a major disorder of motor function.*  
Broad term(s): Congenital disorders  
Developmental disabilities  
Disabilities  
Muscular impairments  
Neurological disorders  
Related term(s): Brain damage  
Spasticity

Cerebrovascular accident  
**Use term(s): Stroke**

Cerebrovascular disease  
**Use term(s): Stroke**

Certification  
*Includes certification or licensing of professionals; for certification of facilities use, ACCREDI-
TATION.*  
Related term(s): Accreditation  
Counselors  
Medical personnel  
Personnel  
Standards  
Teachers  
Use for: Licensing

Change agents  
**Use term(s): Research utilization**

Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome  
**Use term(s): Neuromuscular disorders**

Chat rooms  
**Use term(s): Internet**

Checklists  
**Use term(s): Questionnaires**  
Survey forms  
Tests

Chemotherapy  
*Use of chemical agents in the treatment or control of diseases such as cancer.*  
Broad term(s): Medical treatment  
Therapy  
Related term(s): Biochemistry  
Cancer  
Drugs

Chicanos  
**Use term(s): Hispanic Americans**

Child abuse  
*Includes child neglect, physical and psychological abuse, and battered children.*  
Broad term(s): Abuse  
Related term(s): Children  
Familylife  
Infants  
Parents
Violence
Youth
Use for: Domestic violence (to children)

**Child care**
_Supervision and responsibility for a child over a period of time, including feeding, clothing, and other aspects of daily care. Excludes DAY CARE, which is used for the care of people with disabilities away from home._

Related term(s): Caregivers
- Children
- Day care
- Family life
- Homemakers
- Infants
- Parents
- Respite care

**Child development**
_Growth in mental and social skills in children aged 0-13._

Broad term(s): Children
Related term(s): Cognition
- Communications skills
- Developmental disabilities
- Intelligence
- Interpersonal relations
- Language learning
- Learning
- Psychosocial factors

**Children**
_Ages 2 to 13 years._

Narrow term(s): Gifted children
Related term(s): Adoption
- Caregivers
- Child abuse
- Child care
- Family life
- Fetuses
- Infants
- Juvenile delinquency
- Marriage
- Parents
- Siblings
- Students
- Toys
- Youth

Chiropractic treatments
**Use term(s): Alternative medicine**

Chronic chorea
**Use term(s): Huntington disease**

**Chronic fatigue syndrome**
_Disease characterized by debilitating fatigue and neuromuscular and neuropsychological symptoms, term added December 1994._

Broad term(s): Chronic illness
Use for: Epstein-Barr

**Chronic illness**
_Diseases of slow progression and long duration._

Narrow term(s): Allergies
- Arthritis
- Cardiac disorders
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- COPD
- Emphysema
- Tuberculosis

Related term(s): Asthma
- Long term care
- Nursing homes
- Pain
- Respiratory disease
- Terminal illness

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
**Use term(s): COPD**

Chronic pain
**Use term(s): Pain**

Churches
**Use term(s): Religion**

Circulation
**Use term(s): Circulatory system**

Circulatory diseases
**Use term(s): Cardiovascular function**
- Circulatory system

**Circulatory system**
_System which moves blood through the vessels of_
the body via the pumping action of the heart.
Related term(s): Cardiovascular function
Use for: Circulation
Circulatory diseases

Civil rights
**Use term(s): Advocacy**

Civil service
**Use term(s): Federal agencies**
**State agencies**

**Classification systems**
*Systems for arrangement according to class or category; includes taxonomy, typology, or nomenclature.*
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Information systems
Use for: Codes
Scales

Clearinghouses
**Use term(s): Information resources**
Information

**Cleft palate**
*Congenital partial or complete fissure of the roof of the mouth; use for cleft lip.*
Broad term(s): Congenital disorders
Facial disfigurement
Related term(s): Speech impairments

Clergy
**Use term(s): Religion**

**Client assistance programs**
*Information and referral services to vocational rehabilitation clients and applicants; term added June 1989.*
Broad term(s): Programs
Related term(s): Information referral
State agencies
Technology assistance programs
Vocational rehabilitation

**Client characteristics**
*Describes the social, psychological, vocational, educational, or physical problems of the individu-
als a facility proposes to serve; can include age, sex, occupation, medical descriptions; may be sta-
tistical or survey in nature.*
Related term(s): Case studies
Client records
Clients
Demographics
Use for: Patient characteristics

**Client counselor relations**
The behaviors and attitudes that characterize the relationship between client and counselor, and that may affect client satisfaction and outcomes.
Broad term(s): Clients
Counseling
Counselors
Related term(s): Client satisfaction
Counseling effectiveness

**Client evaluation**
**Use term(s): Functional evaluation**
**Medical evaluation**
**Psychiatric evaluation**
**Psychological evaluation**
**Vocational evaluation**

**Client records**
Related term(s): Case reviews
Client characteristics
Clients
Use for: Case recording
Medical records
Patient records
Recordkeeping

Satisfaction
**Use term(s): Client satisfaction**
**Job satisfaction**
**Quality of life**

**Client satisfaction**
*Client’s determination of fulfillment or attainment of vocational rehabilitation, employment, or personal goals; includes client’s evaluation of services, facilities, or devices.*
Related term(s): Client counselor relations
Clients
Counseling effectiveness
Client training

**Use term(s): Therapeutic training**

**Clients**

Persons who use professional services or advice of another; persons served by utilizing services of a state, federal, or other agency.

Narrow term(s): Client counselor relations

Related term(s): Client characteristics
  - Client records
  - Client satisfaction
  - Closure
  - Consumers
  - Institutionalization
  - Therapeutic training

Use for: Patients
  - Recipient

**Clinical management**

Coordinated medical care provided by doctors, nurses, and other health professionals. Added August 2005.

Related term(s): Case management

**Clinical psychology**

Branch of psychology devoted to the study, diagnosis, and treatment of mental and behavior disorders; frequently clinical psychologists work in a medical setting with psychiatrists and other physicians, and usually have a PhD and additional training in a clinical setting.

Broad term(s): Psychology

Related term(s): Counseling
  - Counseling psychology
  - Psychiatry

Clinical trials

**Use term(s): Medical research**

**Clinics**

Facilities for diagnosis and treatment of outpatients.

Broad term(s): Facilities

Related term(s): Hospitals
  - Mobile facilities

Use for: Outpatients

Closed head injuries

**Use term(s): Brain injuries**

**Closure**

Used by state vocational rehabilitation agencies to indicate the termination of basic rehabilitation or placement services to a client.

Related term(s): Caseload management
  - Clients
  - Counseling
  - Outcomes
  - Placement

Use for: Case closure
  - Casework

**Clothing**

Wearing apparel; includes hats, shoes, design of clothing, adaptation of clothing to meet the needs of disabled individuals.

Related term(s): Daily living

Cocaine

**Use term(s): Substance abuse**

Co-dependency

**Use term(s): Dependency**

**Codes**

**Use term(s): Classification systems**

- Facilities standards
  - Standards

**Cognition**

General term; includes the psychological processes by which people gain knowledge, intellectual growth, and abstract reasoning

Narrow term(s): Cognitive disabilities

Related term(s): Child development
  - Intelligence
  - Learning
  - Perception
  - Psychology
Use for: Behavioral treatment
  Cognitive rehabilitation
  Cognitive therapy

**Cognitive disabilities**
*Conditions that interfere with human cognitive abilities. Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Cognition
  Disabilities

Cognitive rehabilitation
**Use term(s): Cognition**

Cognitive therapy
**Use term(s): Cognition**

College students
**Use term(s): Postsecondary education**
  Students
  Universities

Colleges
**Use term(s): Postsecondary education**
  Universities

Colostomy
**Use term(s): Ostomy**

**Coma**
*A state of acute brain failure resulting in unconsciousness for varying lengths of time.*
Related term(s): Brain injuries

**Communication**
*Process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior; includes professionals using communication interaction skills.*
Narrow term(s): Speech
  Speech synthesis
  Telecommunications
  Augmentative and alternative communication
Related term(s): American Sign Language
  Audiology
  Communication devices

**Communication devices**
*Devices that enhance communication for persons with disabilities; includes amplifiers, speech aids, communication boards, special signaling devices, mouth wands, head wands, page turners; use more specific term when possible.*
Broad term(s): Assistive technology
  Devices
  Narrow term(s): Hearing aids
  TDD
  Telephones
Related term(s): Augmentative and alternative communication
  Blind
  Braille
  Captioning
  Communication
  Daily living
  Deaf
  Deaf blind
  Devices design
  Hearing impairments
  Mobility aids
  Sensory aids
  Speech synthesis
  Typing
  Visual
Use for: Alternative communication

**Communication disorders**
**Use term(s): Hearing impairments**
  Language disorders
  Speech impairments

**Communication skills**
*Includes lip reading, fingerspelling, sign language; for interpersonal skills use, INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS.*
Related term(s): American Sign Language
  Audiology
  Child development
  Communication
  Communication devices
  Deaf
  Deaf blind
  Hearing impairments
Interpreters
Interpreting
Speech therapy
Speech
Use for: Fingerspelling
Lip reading
Sign language

Community-based services
Alternatives to institutional facilities, these may be adult day health, habilitation, case management, respite care, and other services. Term added September 2005
Broad term(s): Service delivery
Related term(s): Community resources
Deinstitutionalization
Home care
Use for: Community services

Community centers
Centers located in a community as opposed to institutional setting; includes activities centers and adult development centers; can refer to activities of specific centers.
Broad term(s): Facilities
Related term(s): Community resources
Group

Community integration
Term added September 2005
Related term(s): Community living
Inclusion

Community living
Living in a community setting as opposed to living in an institution; includes transitional living and learning to function in a community.
Narrow term(s): Transition
Related term(s): Community integration
Daily living
Day care
Facilities
Group homes
Halfway houses
Housing
Independent living
Life care planning
Living facilities

Mental retardation
Residential living
Use for: Residential programs

Community resources
Broad category which includes community programs, services, and alternatives; also includes local and municipal agencies and government programs; includes name and address listings of people, places, and things; see also more specific resources
Narrow term(s): Transportation
Related term(s): Community-based services
Community centers
Federal agencies
Interagency relations
Mobile facilities
Municipal/regional agencies
Organizations
Social services
State agencies
Use for: Community services
Community supports
Natural

Use term(s): Community-based services

Use term(s): Community resources

Competitive employment
Employment of persons with disabilities in a competitive situation; term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Employment
Related term(s): Private sector employment
Supported employment

Compliance
As it relates to laws and policies. Term added September 2005
Broad term(s): ADA
Affirmative action
IDEA
Employment legislation
Legal concerns
Legislation  
Regulations  
Section 502  
Section 503  
Section 508  
Related term(s): Advocacy  

Compliance with treatment  
**Use term(s): Patient education**  

Computer access  
**Use term(s): Computers and accessibility**  

**Computer applications**  
*How a computer is used; end results of computer use.*  
Related term(s): Computers  
  - Decision support systems  
  - Environmental control systems  
  - Information systems  
  - Programmed instruction  
  - Robotics  
  - Systems analysis  
Use for: Multimedia  

**Computer-assisted instruction**  
*Use of a computer in training or education. Term added September 2005*  
Broad term(s): Computers  
  - Instructional methods  
  - Training  
Related term(s): Programmed instruction  

**Computers**  
*Includes computer programmers, computers, programming, and software.*  
Narrow term(s): Accessible media  
  - Internet  
  - Speech synthesis  
Related term(s): Assistive technology  
  - Computer applications  
  - Electronics  
  - Robotics  
  - Telecommunications  

Conditioning  
**Use term(s): Behavior modification**  

**Conference proceedings**  
*Includes actual transcriptions of events, papers, etc., of a specific conference.*  
Related term(s): Conferences  
Use for: Proceedings  

**Conferences**  
*Includes papers prepared for, and information about, conferences, conference planning, or summaries of conferences.*  
Related term(s): Conference proceedings  
  - Staff development  
  - Workshops  
Use for: Seminars  

**Congenital disorders**  
*Any disorder present at birth; may be hereditary or acquired during development in the uterus; see also causes of congenital disorders listed under Narrow terms.*  
Broad term(s): Disabilities  
  - Genetics  
Narrow term(s): Cerebral palsy  
  - Cleft palate  
  - Down syndrome  
  - Scoliosis  
  - Spina bifida  
Related term(s): Brain damage  
  - Rubella  
Use for: Birth defects  

**Consulting**  
*Providing professional services to an agency’s clients or staff, either upon request or on the basis of a prearranged schedule; consultants are not members of the staff of the agency; includes consultants.*  
Related term(s): Management  
  - Manpower  
  - Personnel  
  - Private sector rehabilitation  
  - Technical assistance  

Consumer groups  
**Use term(s): Advocacy**  
**Consumers**
**Consumers**
Includes disabled individuals and families who are users or recipients of services, products, etc.
Narrow term(s): Participatory action research
Related term(s): Advocacy
Clients
Independent living
Use for: Consumer groups
People with disabilities

**Continuing education**
Includes educational programs designed to update knowledge and skills, particularly professional skills; includes continuing education credit in a formal setting such as a university.
Broad term(s): Education
Related term(s): Adult education
Counselor education
Professional occupations
Professional training
Staff development
Training
Workshops

**Contract procurement**
Process of seeking and acquiring an agreement between an agency and a person, corporation, partnership, or agency to provide products or services; includes preparation of bids, product research or development, or other contracting procedures.
Related term(s): Accounting
Budget
Contracts

**Contracts**
Agreements between two or more parties as established by law.
Broad term(s): Funding
Related term(s): Contract procurement

**Controls**
Instruments for guiding, directing, or influencing the behavior of a system; methods or mechanisms by which a person operates a device.
Narrow term(s): Wheelchair controls
Related term(s): Devices
Environmental control systems
Robotics

**Cooperation**
Use term(s): Interagency cooperation
Service integration

**COPD**
Decreased ability of the lungs to perform their function of ventilation; causes can be chronic bronchitis, pulmonary emphysema, or chronic asthma.
Broad term(s): Chronic illness
Respiratory diseases
Related term(s): Emphysema
Use for: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

**Coping**
Use term(s): Adjustment

**Coronary**
Use term(s): Cardiac disorders

**Correctional facilities**
Includes jails and prisons.
Broad term(s): Facilities
Related term(s): Institutionization
Juvenile delinquency
Law enforcement
Legal services
Public offenders
Use for: Prisons

**Cost benefit analysis**
Comparison, summary, analysis, study of costs and their relation to benefits to persons, clients, institutions, or facilities.
Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Accounting
  Costs
  Employment costs
  Employment economics
  Management
  Planning
Use for: Rehabilitation

Costs
Amounts paid or required in payment for purchases of services or goods; includes cost data, cost effectiveness, and cost sharing.
Narrow term(s): Employment costs
  Payment systems
Related term(s): Accounting
  Budget
  Cost benefit analysis
  DRG
  Economics
  Life care planning
  Managed care
  Management
  Planning
Use for: Finance
  Rehabilitation costs
  Reimbursement

Counseling
Professional guidance of the individual by utilizing psychological methods, especially in collecting case history data, using various techniques of the personal interview, and testing interests and aptitudes.
Narrow term(s): Client counselor relations
  Group counseling
  Peer counseling
Related term(s): Caseload management
  Clinical psychology
  Closure
  Counseling effectiveness
  Counseling psychology
  Counseling techniques
  Counselors
  Interview techniques
  Mental health
  Psychology
  Social work
  Therapy
Use for: Guidance
  Vocational counseling

Counseling effectiveness
Success of counseling or counseling techniques from counselor or client viewpoint
Related term(s): Client counselor relations
  Client satisfaction
  Counseling
  Counseling psychology
  Counseling techniques
  Counselors
Use for: Counselor characteristics
  Counselor performance

Counseling psychology
Branch of psychology providing personal, vocational, and educational guidance.
Broad term(s): Psychology
Related term(s): Clinical psychology
  Counseling
  Counseling effectiveness

Counseling techniques
Includes specific methods and theories.
Narrow term(s): Case studies
  Goal setting
  Group counseling
  Peer counseling
Related term(s): Accountability
  Counseling
  Counseling effectiveness
  Counselors
  Evaluation techniques
  Interview techniques
Use for: Counseling theory

Counseling theory
Use term(s): Counseling techniques

Counselor attitudes
Attitudes of counselors toward persons with disabilities, counseling, or counseling work load.
Broad term(s): Attitudes
Related term(s): Attitudinal barriers
  Counselors
Counselor characteristics

**Use term(s): Counseling effectiveness**

**Counselor education**

Formal education in a university setting for counselors; work toward a degree.

Broad term(s): Education
  - Professional education

Related term(s): Professional occupations
  - Professional training

**Counselor employment**

Employment for counselors

Broad term(s): Employment

Related term(s): Job satisfaction
  - Professional training

**Counselor evaluation**

Assessment of counselors by peers, employers, or educators.

Broad term(s): Evaluation

Use for: Counselor performance
  - Performance evaluation

Counselor performance

**Use term(s): Counseling effectiveness**

  **Counselor evaluation**

**Counselors**

Individuals who provide professional guidance based on knowledge of human behavior and use of special interviewing skills to identify and achieve their goals; individuals who help people with disabilities to understand their problems, potentials, limitations, so that realistic rehabilitation objectives can be mutually identified and available resources can be used to obtain them.

Broad term(s): Personnel
  - Professionals

Narrow term(s): Client counselor relations

Related term(s): Certification
  - Counseling
  - Counseling effectiveness
  - Counseling techniques
  - Counselor attitudes
  - Medical personnel

Use for: Rehabilitation counselors

**Country names**

If non-U.S. countries are discussed in document, use specific country name as descriptor, i.e., NORWAY, JAPAN, BRAZIL; if geographic regions are discussed, use region name as descriptor, i.e., EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AMERICA; country and region names are not listed in this thesaurus; use with INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION.

**Court cases**

Use when document refers to or discusses a court case or decision.

Related term(s): Legal concerns
  - Legislation
  - Testimony

Use for: Litigation

**Crime prevention**

Includes preventing persons with disabilities from being criminally assaulted or taken advantage of because of their physical or mental limitations.

Related term(s): Law enforcement
  - Juvenile delinquency
  - Public offenders
  - Safety

Criminal justice

**Use term(s): Law enforcement**

**Criminals**

**Use term(s): Public offenders**

Crisis intervention

**Use term(s): Intervention**

Crutches

**Use term(s): Mobility aids**

Cultural diversity

**Use term(s): Diversity**

Culturally disadvantaged

**Use term(s): Poverty**
Culture
Term added September 2005.
Related term(s): Diversity

Cumulative stress disorders
Use term(s): Repetitive strain injuries

Curriculum
Courses offered by a school or a particular course of study; can be instructional or training-related; includes lesson plans.
Related term(s): Education
  Instructional materials
  Training materials

Cybernetics
Science of communication and control in biological, electronic, and mechanical systems; includes analysis of feedback mechanisms which serve to govern or modify the actions of various systems.
Related term(s): Bioengineering
  Feedback
  Robotics

Cystic fibrosis
Related term(s): Genetics

Daily living
Evaluation of, and training in, the ability to perform essential self help skills: dressing, use of public transportation, and other functional skills.
Related term(s): Clothing
  Communication devices
  Community living
  Devices
  Feeding
  Grooming
  Habilitation
  Homemakers
  Independent living

Mobility
Self care
Self help
Sensory aids
Social skills
Use for: Activities of daily living (ADL)
  Housekeeping
  Hygiene
  Life skills training
  Toileting

Dance therapy
Use of dance and movement in treatment of physical or emotional disorders; includes dance/movement therapists.
Related term(s): Therapy
  Arts
  Bibliotherapy
  Therapy
Use for: Movement therapy

Data
Term added September 2005.
Narrow term(s): Databases
Related term(s): Statistics

Databases
Term added September 2005.
Related term(s): Information resources

Day care
Care of persons with disabilities away from home, such as in a community facility; for care of child, use CHILD CARE.
Related term(s): Attendant care
  Child care
  Community living
  Facilities
  Foster care
  Independent living
  Living facilities
  Residential living
  Respite care
Deaf
Includes people who are totally deaf or nonhearing. For partial deafness, use HEARING IMPAIRMENTS. For conditions causing total loss of hearing, use DEAF.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
  Hearing impairments
  Sensory impairments
Related term(s): Communication devices
  Communication skills
  Deaf blind
  Deafness
Use for: Late deafened

Deaf blind
For individuals who are both deaf and blind or hearing impaired and visually impaired.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
  Hearing impairments
  Visual impairments
  Sensory impairments
Related term(s): Blind
  Blindness
  Braille
  Deaf
  Deafness
  Low vision
  Mobility training
  Multiple disabilities
  Orientation

Deafness
A condition causing severe loss of hearing. For consumers and services to people who are deaf, use DEAF. For conditions causing partial deafness, use HEARING IMPAIRMENTS. Term added July 1998.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
  Hearing impairments
Related term(s): Deaf
  Deaf blind
Use for: Late deafened

Death
Includes reaction to death, coping with death, and death counseling.
Related term(s): Grief
  Hospices
  Suicide
  Terminal illness
  Use for: Mortality

Decision making
Use term(s): Decision support systems
  Goal setting
    Management
    Planning
    Policy

Decision support systems
Computer programs that aid in making decisions by organizing and analyzing data; term added April 1988.
Related term(s): Computer applications
  Information systems
  Management
Use for: Artificial intelligence
  Decision making
  Expert systems

Decubitus ulcers
Use term(s): Pressure sores

Definitions
Use term(s): Dictionaries
  Glossaries

Deinstitutionalization
Concept with three interrelated processes: (1) prevention of admission to a public institution by developing, finding, and using alternative community care and training; (2) return to the community by residents who function appropriately and who benefit from community-based habilitation and training programs; and (3) establishment and maintenance of a responsive institutional environment contributing to appropriate and expeditious return to the community. See also Community-based services.
Antonym: Institutionalization
Related term(s): Community-based Services
  Foster care
  Group homes
  Habilitation
  Halfway houses
Home care  
Inclusion  
Independent living  
Residential living  
Use for: Normalization

**Dementia**  
*Irrecoverable deterioration of mental state; term added June 1989*  
Related term(s): Alzheimer’s disease

**Demographics**  
*Statistical study of human populations, especially including size and density, distribution, and vital statistics; includes census data.*  
Broad term(s): Statistics  
Related term(s): Census  
Client characteristics  
Epidemiology  
Health statistics  
Incidence  
National surveys  
Prevalence  
Surveys

Demonstration programs  
**Use term(s): Model programs**  
**Pilot projects**

**Dental problems**  
*Includes specific defects, disorders, or diseases.*  
Related term(s): Dentistry  
Facial disfigurement  
Speech impairments

**Dentistry**  
*Includes orthodontia and dentists.*  
Related term(s): Dental problems  
Facial disfigurement  
Medical personnel

**Dependency**  
*Dependence upon persons, programs, or things, but not drugs or alcohol; for substance dependency, use SUBSTANCE ABUSE.*  
Use for: Co-dependency

**Depression**  
*State of feeling sad; can be marked by inactivity, difficulty in thinking and concentrating, and feelings of dejection.*  
Broad term(s): Emotional disorders  
Psychiatric disabilities  
Related term(s): Behavior  
Eating disorders  
Personality  
Psychology  
Use for: Personality disorders

**Dermatology**  
Use term(s): Skin disorders

**Detection**  
**Use term(s): Diagnosis**

**Developmental disabilities**  
*Includes disabilities which are manifested before age 22 and which constitute a substantial limitation to the individual; use specific disability listed under fw: Narrow terms below.*  
Broad term(s): Disabilities  
Narrow term(s): Autism  
Cerebral palsy  
Child development  
Epilepsy  
Learning disabilities  
Mental retardation  
Related term(s): Multiple disabilities  
Severe disabilities  
Use for: Residential programs

**Devices**  
*Broad term; refers to pieces of equipment used to facilitate persons with disabilities; includes aids, self-help devices, equipment, appliances, medical aids used and worn by patients, and apparatus used in treatment; use more specific term listed below under Narrow terms as appropriate.*  
Broad term(s): Technology  
Narrow term(s): Communication devices  
Do it yourself devices  
Hearing aids  
Implants  
Medical technology  
Mobility aids
Motor vehicles
Orthotics
Powered wheelchairs
Prosthetics
Seating
Sensory aids
Tactile systems
TDD
Telephones
Wheelchairs

Related term(s): Assistive technology
Controls
Daily living
Devices design
Devices evaluation
Devices selection
Engineering
Evaluation
Robotics
Seating
Telecommunications

Use for: Adaptive devices
Equipment

**Devices design**
*Creation and development of equipment used to facilitate the functioning of persons with disabilities; use especially for documents with drawings to scale.*

Narrow term(s): Wheelchair design
Related term(s): Communication devices
	Devices
	Ergonomics
	Rehabilitation engineering
	Technology development

Use for: Product design

**Devices evaluation**
*Assessment and testing of equipment, devices, and aids.*

Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Devices
	Devices selection

**Devices selection**
*Issues related to selecting appropriate assistive devices or technology, term added December 1994.*

Related term(s): Devices
	Devices evaluation

**Dexterity**
*Use for: Manual dexterity*

**Diabetes**
*Various abnormal conditions characterized by the secretion and excretion of excessive amounts of urine; includes mellitus and juvenile onset.*

Broad term(s): Endocrine disorders
	Metabolism disorders

**Diagnosis**
*Identification of disease or condition by examination or analysis.*

Broad term(s): Medicine

Related term(s): DRG
	Early intervention
	Evaluation
	Intervention
	Medical evaluation
	Medical treatment
	Pathology
	Prevention
	Tests

Use for: Assessment
	Detection

**Dictionaries**
*Reference works which provide definitions of terms.*

Broad term(s): Information resources

Related term(s): Glossaries

Use for: Definitions

**Diet**

Use term(s): Nutrition
Dietary

**Use term(s): Nutrition**

Dietician

**Use term(s): Nutrition**

**Directories**

*Listings of groups, organizations, agencies, programs, facilities, services, or individuals together with information on how they may be contacted.*

Broad term(s): Information resources

**Disabilities**

*Physical or mental impairments that are congenital or acquired by accident, injury, or disease; primarily used for documents that cover many disabilities or disability as a general subject; use more specific disabilities listed below under Narrow terms when appropriate.*

Narrow term(s): Autism
- Blindness
- Brain injuries
- Cerebral palsy
- Cognitive disabilities
- Congenital disorders
- Deafness
- Deafblind
- Developmental disabilities
- Epilepsy
- Hearing impairments
- Learning disabilities
- Mental retardation
- Multiple disabilities
- Multiple sclerosis
- Muscular dystrophy
- Musculoskeletal disorders
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Occupational injuries
- Physical disabilities
- Psychiatric disabilities
- Rare disorders
- Secondary conditions
- Severe disabilities
- Speech impairments
- Spinal cord injuries
- Stroke
- Visual impairments

Related term(s): Disability determination

**Disability management**

*Process of returning an industrially injured worker to work, including secondary prevention through early intervention and rehabilitation; also includes primary prevention factors such as safety concerns, health screening, health promotion, and wellness.*

Broad term(s): Case management

Related term(s): Disabilities
- Early intervention
- Health promotion
- Occupational injuries
- Prevention
- Rehabilitation
- Secondary conditions

Disability rights

**Use term(s): Advocacy**

**Legislation**

**Policy**
Disability studies
Academic discipline addressing the study of disability in culture. Term added July 1998.
Related term(s): Biographies
    History

Disabled college students
Use term(s): Students

Disabled job seekers
Use term(s): Employment

Disabled parents
Use term(s): Parenting with a disability
    Parents

Disabled persons attitudes
Use term(s): Attitudes
    Self concept

Disabled students
Use term(s): Students

Disabled workers
Use term(s): Workers with disabilities

Disadvantaged
Use term(s): Poverty

Discoid Lupus Erythematosus (DLE)
Use term(s): Lupus

Disincentives
Deterrents to action or motivation; may be financial, psychological, physical, or structural obstacles that stand in the way of progress.
Antonym: Incentives
Related term(s): Behavior modification
    Employment
    Employment economics
    Motivation
Use for: Negative reinforcement

Dissemination
Term added August 2005.

Broad term(s): Research utilization
Use for: Information dissemination

Distance education
Instruction given when teacher and student are separated by physical distance, using video, voice, data, and print technologies. Distance education is often combined with face-to-face communication. Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Education

Diversity
Social movement encompassing efforts to increase awareness and inclusion of ethnic, religious, and demographic minorities, including people with disabilities. See also specific ethnic groups.
Narrow term(s): Inclusion
    Affirmative action
Related term(s): Attitudes
    Ethnic groups
    Females
    Males
    People with disabilities
Use for: Cultural diversity
    Multicultural / multiculturalism
    Underserved populations

Divorce
Antonym: Marriage
Related term(s): Parents
    Sexuality

DLE (Discoid Lupus Erythematous)
Use term(s): Lupus

Do it yourself devices
Broad term(s): Devices

Domestic violence
Use term(s): Abuse
    Child abuse
    Violence

Down syndrome
Syndrome of mental retardation caused by chromosomal abnormalities; characteristics include retarded growth, flattened skull, and thickened tongue; mongolism.
Broad term(s): Congenital disorders
   Mental retardation
Related term(s): Genetics

DRG
Medicare prospective payment system of grouping medical conditions into 23 major categories and 467 subgroups based on diagnosis, secondary diagnosis, patients' age, possible complications and need for surgery; hospital or physician is paid a set amount depending on the group to which a particular disease, procedure, or condition is assigned.
Related term(s): Costs
   Diagnosis
   Medicare
Use for: Diagnosis related groups

Drivers
Use term(s): Driving

Driving
Includes all aspects of driving including licenses and parking.
Related term(s): Mobility aids
   Motor vehicles
   Transportation
Use for: Drivers

Dropouts
Includes high school and college.
Antonym: Students
Related term(s): Education
   Juvenile delinquency
   Youth

Drug abuse
Use term(s): Substance abuse

Drug trials
Use term(s): Research and pharmacology

Drugs
Indicates medications; for drug addiction, use SUBSTANCE ABUSE.
Related term(s): Chemotherapy

Medical treatment
   Pain
   Pharmacology

Dwarfism
Use term(s): Growth disorders

Dyslexia
Use term(s): Learning disabilities

Dysphagia
Use term(s): Swallowing disorders

Early intervention
Immediate action following onset or diagnosis to ameliorate the effects of a disability; action taken to prevent a possible disabling condition.

Economically disadvantaged
Use term(s): Poverty
**Economics**
Social science dealing with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services; includes inflation, economic indicators or characteristics, labor market conditions, and economic aspects.

Broad term(s): Social sciences  
Narrow term(s): Employment economics  
Related term(s): Costs  
  - Employment costs

**Education**
Includes instruction from infancy through grade 12; includes all aspects of education not listed under Narrow terms or Related terms below

Narrow term(s): Academic achievement  
  - Adult education  
  - Careers  
  - Continuing education  
  - Counselor education  
  - Distance education  
  - Instructional methods  
  - Patient education  
  - Physical education  
  - Postsecondary education  
  - Preschool  
  - Professional education  
  - Professional training  
  - Retraining  
  - Special education  
  - Therapeutic training  
  - Vocational education  
  - Vocational training  
  - Workshops  
  - Capacity building

Related term(s): Curriculum  
  - Dropouts  
  - IEP  
  - Instructional materials  
  - Learning  
  - Learning disabilities  
  - Schools  
  - Students  
  - Teachers  
  - Teaching  
  - Training  
  - Universities  
  - Work study programs

**Electronically disadvantaged**  
Use term(s): Poverty

**Elbows**  
Use term(s): Joints

**Elder abuse**  
Use term(s): Abuse

**Elderly**  
Use term(s): Aging  
  - Older adults  
  - Older workers

**Electrical stimulation**
Use of electrical means to restore function through tissue response, including restoration of various forms of motor control, such as heart pacemakers, and inhibition of phantom limb pain.

Related term(s): Electronics  
  - Electrophysiology  
  - Rehabilitation engineering

Use for: Electrotherapy  
  - Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES)

**Electronic discussion groups**  
Use term(s): Internet

**Electronic publishing**
Includes Internet/Web publishing, portable document formats (PDF), e-books, and other forms of documents available in electronic format. Term added October 2005.

Broad term(s): Internet  
Related term(s): Accessible media

**Electronics**
Includes applied electronics, electronic devices for medical treatment of individuals, as well as theory and application of electronics.

Related term(s): Computers  
  - Electrical stimulation  
  - Electrophysiology  
  - Telecommunications

**Electrophysiology**
Study of electrical phenomena associated with
physiological processes; includes relationships such as effects of electrical stimulation upon the tissue, production of electrical currents by organs and tissues.

Related term(s): Bioengineering
  Electrical stimulation
  Electronics

Electrotherapy
**Use term(s): Electrical stimulation and therapy**

Elementary schools
**Use term(s): Schools**

**Eligibility**
_Determination of the qualification of an applicant for rehabilitation services._

Related term(s): Disability determination
  Evaluation
  Functional limitations

E-mail
**Use term(s): Internet**

**Emergency preparedness**
_Planning and actions undertaken in advance of a possible or probable disaster. Term added July 2005._

Related term(s): Architecture
  Accessibility
  Universal design
  Planning
  Barriers
  Safety

Emotional disabilities
**Use term(s): Emotional disorders**

**Emotional disorders**
_Psychological of psychiatric conditions causing aberrant emotional response. For such conditions causing aberrant behavior, also use BEHAVIOR DISORDERS. Term added July 1998._

Broad term(s): Chronic illness
  Respiratory disease

Related term(s): Employment
  Vocational potential
  Work experience

**Employee assistance programs**
_Programs or services provided by the employer to help employees with personal or other matters, including retirement planning or alcohol/drug rehabilitation._

Related term(s): Employment
  Rehabilitation services

**Employee productivity**
_Production or performance in an employment setting._

Related term(s): Employment
  Performance evaluation
  Production

Emotionally disturbed
**Use term(s): Emotional disorders**

**Emotions**
_For conditions causing aberrant emotional response, use EMOTIONAL DISORDERS._

Broad term(s): Personality
  Narrow term(s): Grief

Related term(s): Behavior
  Mental health
  Psychiatric

**Emphysema**
_Chronic pulmonary disease characterized by air in body tissue or organs, applied especially to such a condition of the lungs._

Broad term(s): Chronic illness

Related term(s): Cardiopulmonary function
  COPD

**Employability**
_Potential for work_

Related term(s): Employment

Use for: Job readiness
  Vocational potential
  Work experience

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**Use term(s): Internet**

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**Employer attitudes**

*Employers reactions to employees with disabilities, includes middle management, supervisors, and co-workers attitudes.*

Broad term(s): Attitudes
Related term(s): Attitudinal barriers
  - Employment
  - Work attitudes
  - Work environment

**Employers**

*Persons, organizations, or corporations that employ workers.*

Related term(s): Employment

**Employment**

*Occupation or provision of a job.*

Antonym: Unemployment

Narrow term(s): Competitive employment
  - Counselor employment
  - Private sector employment
  - Self employment
  - Supported employment
  - Underemployment
  - Work hardening
  - Work study programs

Related term(s): Accommodation
  - Affirmative action
  - Careers
  - Disincentives
  - Employability
  - Employee assistance programs
  - Employee productivity
  - Employer attitudes
  - Employers
  - Employment costs
  - Employment economics
  - Employment legislation
  - Employment programs
  - Employment reentry
  - Employment success
  - Hiring practices
  - Incentives
  - Income
  - Job analysis
  - Job descriptions
  - Job development
  - Job modification
  - Job satisfaction

Use for: Disabled job seekers
  - Jobs
  - Work

**Employment costs**

*Amounts of money related to employing persons with disabilities.*

Broad term(s): Costs
Related term(s): Cost benefit analysis
  - Economics
  - Employment

**Employment economics**

*Economic factors or implications relating to employing a person with a disability.*

Broad term(s): Economics
Related term(s): Cost benefit analysis
  - Disincentives
  - Employment

**Employment legislation**

*Legislation, including laws and bills, relating to employing persons with disabilities.*

Broad term(s): Legislation
Related term(s): Affirmative action
  - Employment
**Employment programs**
Programs set up to enhance employment of persons with disabilities.
Broad term(s): Programs
Narrow term(s): Supported employment
Work study programs
Related term(s): Employment
On the job training
Use for: Recruitment

**Employment reentry**
Return to former job, or a new job, by a person injured on the job.
Related term(s): Employment
Occupational injuries
Retraining
Use for: Return-to-work
Work disabilities

**Employment success**
Achievement or gains of employed persons with disabilities.
Related term(s): Employment
Rehabilitation success
Vocational rehabilitation
Use for: Performance evaluation
Success

**Empowerment**
Promoting self-advocacy among people with disabilities.
Related term(s): Advocacy
Leadership
Self concept
Use for: Self determination

**End stage renal disease**
Condition in which the functions of the kidneys are impaired to a point where assistance must be provided, either by dialysis or transplantation, if life is to continue.
Broad term(s): Kidney disorders
Urinary disorders
Use for: Dialysis
Renal disorders

**Endocrine disorders**
Disorder of any of the glands which secrete hormonal substances into the bloodstream.
Narrow term(s): Diabetes

**Engineering**
Formerly ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY. Methods and materials related to the practical application of mathematical and scientific principles to the design, construction, and operation of economical and efficient structures, equipment, and systems. Term added July 1989.
Broad term(s): Technology
Narrow term(s): Rehabilitation engineering
Related term(s): Assistive technology
Devices design
Medical technology
Technology development
Technology transfer
Use for: Engineering technology
Product design

Use term(s): Engineering

Enteral feeding
Use term(s): Feeding

Enuresis
Use term(s): Incontinence

**Environmental control systems**
Systems permitting persons with physical disabilities to control their immediate surroundings including turning on and off lights, radio or television, answering and initiating telephone calls, and locking or unlocking doors; technical components are the switch, the control box, the feedback information display, and the appliances to be controlled.
Related term(s): Accommodation
Computer applications
Controls
Home modification
Job modification

Environmental therapy
Use term(s): Milieu therapy
**Epidemiology**
*Study of various factors relating to disease frequency, occurrence, and distribution in a population or community.*
- Related term(s): Demographics
  - Health statistics
  - Incidence
  - Prevalence
  - Statistics
- Use for: Morbidity

**Epilepsy**
*Any of various disorders marked by disturbed electrical rhythms of the central nervous system, and typically manifested by convulsive attacks, usually with clouding of consciousness.*
- Broad term(s): Developmental disabilities
  - Disabilities
  - Neurological disorders

**Equilibrium**
*State of balance or rest; can involve balance problems associated with specific disabilities.*
- Related term(s): Ambulation
  - Body movement
  - Spasticity
- Use for: Balance
  - Body coordination

**Ergonomics**
*Field of knowledge of human work; matching of machines and people to increase efficiency; includes concern with design of equipment and the arrangement of physical conditions of work or environment and measurement of energy and muscle output in the performance of work.*
- Related term(s): Carpal tunnel syndrome
  - Devices design
  - Repetitive strain injuries
  - Work stations

**Ethics**
*Broad term(s): Philosophy*

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  - Asian Americans
  - Hispanic Americans
  - Native Americans
  - Diversity
  - Foreign nationals
  - Foreign born
  - Use for: Minorities
  - Underserved populations*

**Etiology**
*Study of the cause and development of a disease or abnormal condition.*
- Broad term(s): Medicine
- Related term(s): Epidemiology
  - Pathology
- Use for: Cause of illness

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*Broad term describing the total process of assessment according to a defined set of criteria, careful appraisal or study; use more specific term listed below under Narrow terms when appropriate.*
- Narrow term(s): Cost benefit analysis
  - Counselor evaluation
  - Devices evaluation
  - Functional evaluation
  - Job analysis
  - Medical evaluation
  - Needs assessment
  - Performance standards
  - Physical evaluation
  - Program evaluation
  - Psychiatric evaluation
  - Psychological tests
  - Task analysis
  - Vocational evaluation

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*Use term(s): Chronic fatigue syndrome*
Eligibility
Evaluation techniques
Functional limitations
Goal setting
Outcomes
Psychological tests
Questionnaires
Standards
Tests
Use for: Analysis
Assessment
Functional analysis
Scales

**Evaluation techniques**

*Processes or procedures used in evaluation; includes rehabilitation indicators.*

Narrow term(s): Goal attainment scaling
- Intelligence tests
- Interview techniques
- Psychological tests
- Questionnaires
- Surveys

Related term(s): Counseling techniques
- Evaluation
- Functional evaluation
- Functional limitations
- Job training techniques
- Tests
- Vocational evaluation

Use for: Performance evaluation

Executives

**Use term(s): Administrators**

**Exercise**

*Physical activity related to health and fitness; may be medically related.*

Related term(s): Leisure
- Physical education
- Physical fitness
- Physical therapy
- Recreation
- Sports

Expert systems

**Use term(s): Decision support systems**

Expert witness

**Use term(s): Testimony**

Extremities

**Use term(s): Limbs**

**Facial disfigurement**

*Disfigurement of the face or head; includes facial spasm, paralysis, lost of ear, nose, and so forth*

Narrow term(s): Cleft palate

Related term(s): Burns
- Cancer
- Dental problems
- Dentistry
- Leprosy
- Muscular impairments
- Plastic surgery

**Facilities**

*Use when more specific terms are not appropriate.*

Narrow term(s): Clinics
- Community centers
- Correctional facilities
- Group homes
- Halfway houses
- Hospices
- Hospitals
- Housing
- Living facilities
- Mobile facilities
- Nursing homes
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Rehabilitation engineering centers
- Research and training centers

Related term(s): Architectural accessibility
- Architectural barriers
- Architecture
- Community living
- Day care
- Facilities standards
- Foster care
Facilities standards
Set of criteria used to measure the effectiveness of or to accredit rehabilitation facilities, sheltered workshops, and so forth.
Broad term(s): Standards
Related term(s): Accommodations
                   Accreditation
                   Facilities
Use for: Building codes
                   Codes

Factor analysis
Statistical procedure which is used to reduce a large set of variables to a few basic dimensions.
Broad term(s): Statistics

Family caregivers
Use term(s): Caregivers
                   Family-centered care

Family-centered care
An approach to health care where the priorities and choices of the family drive the delivery of services. Term added July 2005.
Broad term(s): Family life
                   Planning
                   Service delivery
                   Service integration
                   Health care
Related term(s): Caregivers
Use for: Family involvement
                   Family caregivers

Family involvement
Use term(s): Family-centered care

Family life
Broad term; includes all aspects of family relations or roles; use more specific term when appropriate.
Narrow term(s): Family-centered care
Related term(s): Adoption
                   Aging
                   Caregivers

Child abuse
Child care
Children
Females
Fetuses
Infants
Interpersonal relations
Males
Parents
Pregnancy
Sexuality
Siblings
Spouses
Youth

Farming
Use term(s): Agriculture
                   Horticulture

Fathers
Use term(s): Parents

Fear
Use term(s): Anxiety disorders

Feasibility studies
Study to determine if a concept is practical or suitable.
Related term(s): Longitudinal studies
                   Pilot projects

Federal agencies
Includes congressional and federal agency related topics.
Broad term(s): Organizations
Narrow term(s): Military
Related term(s): Community resources
                   Interagency relations
                   Municipal/regional agencies
                   Social security
                   State agencies
                   State plans
Use for: Agencies
                   Civil service
                   Federal government
                   Federal programs
                   Government
Federal government
Use term(s): Federal agencies

Federal programs
Use term(s): Federal agencies and programs

Federal relations
Use term(s): Federal State relations
Interagency relations

Federal State relations
Association or interaction between the Federal Government and state governments.
Broad term(s): Interagency relations
Related term(s): Block grants
        State agencies
        State
Use for: Federal relations
        Government
        Politics
        State Federal relations

Feedback
Providing information on an action or process made by a client, i.e., verbally, visually, or electronically, to enable the client to take self corrective action.
Narrow term(s): Biofeedback
Related term(s): Cybernetics

Feeding
Skills necessary to eat: handle utensils and consume food.
Related term(s): Daily living
        Eating disorders
        Nutrition
        Swallowing disorders
Use for: Eating
        Eternal feeding

Females
Antonym: Males
Related term(s): Adults
        Children
        Family life
        Infants
        Older
Use for: Girls
        Women

Fertility
Use term(s): Reproductive health

Fetal alcohol syndrome
Effect on a fetus of maternal alcohol use during pregnancy; term added June 1989.
Related term(s): Alcoholism
        Pregnancy

Fetuses
Term added June 1989.
Related term(s): Family life
        Children
        Infants
        Youth
        Pregnancy
Use for: Prenatals

Fibromyalgia
Disorder of unknown etiology characterized by chronic, widespread pain, and increased tenderness of muscle.
Related term(s): Muscles
        Pain
Use for: Fibromyalgia syndrome

Fibromyalgia syndrome
Use term(s): Fibromyalgia

Fieldwork
Term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Research

Film
Use term(s): Audiovisual materials

Final reports
Reports issued at the end of a grant or contract by facilities who receive money from federal agencies.
Related term(s): Annual reports

Finance
Use term(s): Accounting
Budget
Costs

Financial aid
Financial assistance to an individual; does not include insurance.
Related term(s): Appropriations
Funding

Fine motor skills
Use term(s): Motor skills

Fingerspelling
Use term(s): Communication skills

Follow up
Supplementary action that follows, reinforces, or expands upon an initial effort; includes supportive assistance during the initial stage of a new program of job placement, independent living, and so forth; may determine to what degree the past and present programs are meeting client needs, or ascertain the readiness of clients to benefit from new programs; includes follow through.
Related term(s): Outcomes
  Placement
  Post employment

Foreign born
Refers to people born outside of their country of residence, including naturalized citizens. Does not refer to people with native parents, but born in a foreign country. Term added August 2005.
Related term(s): Ethnic groups
Use for: Immigrant

Foreign nationals
Use term(s): Foreign born

Foster care
Noninstitutional residential arrangement made to a person outside his/her own home; placement is in a family setting and the host family maintains an interest in the well-being of the person being cared for; includes foster homes.
Related term(s): Day care
  Deinstitutionalization

Facilities
  Halfway houses
  Housing
  Residential living

Functional analysis
Use term(s): Evaluation
  Functional evaluation

Functional assessment
Use term(s): Functional

Functional capacity
Use term(s): Functional evaluation
  Task analysis

Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES)
Use term(s): Electrical stimulation

Functional evaluation
Assessment of a client’s physical abilities or ability to behave in a goal oriented, purposeful, and adaptive manner within familial, social, vocational, and economic circumstances.
Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Evaluation techniques
  Functional limitations
  Functional status
  Job analysis
  Physical evaluation
  Task analysis
  Vocational evaluation
Use for: Client evaluation
  Functional analysis
  Functional assessment
  Functional capacity
  Measurements
  Performance evaluation

Functional limitations
Partial or total inability to perform tasks or activities related to normal physical, mental, or emotional functions.
Broad term(s): Functional status
Related term(s): Disability determination
  Eligibility
  Evaluation
Evaluation techniques
Functional evaluation
Task analysis

**Functional status**
*Broad term used when FUNCTIONAL LIMITATIONS and FUNCTIONAL EVALUATION are too specific.* Term added in 1999.
Narrow term(s): Functional evaluation
Functional limitations

**Funding**
*Available money, sum of money set aside for a specific purpose; includes planning for necessary funding, discussion of funding sources; not used for specific insurance programs unless a number of them are discussed specifically as funding sources.*
Narrow term(s): Block grants
Contracts
Grants
Related term(s): Appropriations
Financial aid
Similar benefits
Use for: Reimbursement

**Furniture**
Related term(s): Housing
Universal design
Use for: Home furnishings

**Future**
*Use term(s): Prediction
Trends*

**Genetics**
*Study of heredity, organism variation, and genetic mechanisms; includes genes, genetic counseling, and genetic disorders.*
Related term(s): Cystic fibrosis
Down syndrome
Hemophilia
Rare disorders
Sickle cell anemia

**Geriatric rehabilitation**
*Rehabilitation of conditions resulting from the aging process; term added June 1989.*
Related term(s): Aging
Older adults
Use for: Gerontology

**Gerontology**
*Use term(s): Aging
Geriatric rehabilitation*

**Gifted children**
*Children and youth possessing demonstrable or potential abilities that give evidence of high performance capability in areas such as intellectual, creative, specific academic, or leadership ability, or in the performing or visual arts; who, for this reason, require special educational services.*
Broad term(s): Children
Related term(s): Special education

**Girls**
*Use term(s): Females and Youth*

**Glossaries**
*Collections of specialized terms with definitions.*
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Dictionaries
Use for: Definitions

**Goal attainment scaling**
*Individualized outcome measure for evaluating human service delivery systems and intervention programs; technique for evaluating program effectiveness on the basis of the extent to which individualized client goals, established at intake, have been achieved upon termination.*
Broad term(s): Evaluation techniques
Goal setting

Includes personal goal setting, usually by clients and rehabilitation counselors; informal process whereby goals are set; time limits are frequently given for achievement.

Broad term(s): Counseling techniques

Related term(s): Client satisfaction

Evaluation

Goal attainment scaling

Use for: Decision making

Grief

Broad term(s): Emotions

Related term(s): Anxiety disorders

Death

Terminal illness

Use for: Bereavement

Grooming

Related term(s): Daily living

Use for: Hygiene

Gross motor skills

Use term(s): Motor skills

Group behavior

Involves group interaction; includes an individual’s behavior in a group situation.

Broad term(s): Behavior

Related term(s): Group counseling

Interpersonal relations

Self concept

Group counseling

Therapy technique which includes interaction among group members with a counselor or other leader.

Broad term(s): Counseling

Counseling techniques

Related term(s): Group behavior

Mental health

Peer counseling

Use for: Group therapy

Group homes

Facilities where groups of unrelated persons with disabilities live independently.

Broad term(s): Facilities

Housing

Living facilities

Related term(s): Community living

Halfway houses

Independent living

Residential living

Use term(s): Group counseling

Grants

Sums of money given to an individual or group for a specific purpose.

Broad term(s): Funding

Narrow term(s): Block grants

Related term(s): Appropriations

Contracts
**Growth disorders**  
*Abnormal development of the body or a part.*  
Use for: Dwarfism

**Guidance**  
**Use term(s): Counseling**

**Guides**  
**Use term(s): Access guides**

**Handbooks**  
Concise reference books covering particular subjects.

**Broad term(s): Information resources**  
**Related term(s): Access guides**  
  Instructional materials  
  Training materials  
Use for: Almanacs  
  Guides  
  Manuals

**Handicapped employees**  
**Use term(s): Workers with disabilities**

**Hansens disease**  
**Use term(s): Leprosy**

**Hard of hearing**  
For issues related to hearing, use HEARING IMPAIRMENTS or DEAFNESS, for those relating to people with hearing loss, use DEAF.  
**Use term(s): Hearing impairments**  
  Deaf  
  Deafness

**Head injuries**  
**Use term(s): Brain injuries**

**Health care**  
Includes health services, comprehensive health care, private and governmental programs and services, public health, and medical care.

**Narrow term(s): Managed care**  
  Family-centered care  
**Related term(s): Access to care**  
  HMO  
  Life care planning  
  Medical aspects  
  Medical treatment  
  Mental health  
  Nutrition  
  PPO  
  Prevention  
  Reform  
  Surgery  
**Use for: Health services**  
  Medical care
Health care reform
**Use term(s): Reform**

Health education
**Use term(s): Health promotion**
- Patient education
- Professional education

**Health insurance**
*Insurance from a private carrier covering accident or injury; term added June 1989.*
- Broad term(s): Insurance
- Related term(s): Disability insurance
  - Managed care
- Use for: Reimbursement

Health Maintenance Organizations
**Use term(s): HMO**

**Health personnel**
*Individuals employed in the health services and medical fields.*
- Broad term(s): Personnel
- Narrow term(s): Medical personnel
  - Physicians
- Related term(s): Certification
  - Counselors
  - Dentistry
  - Manpower
  - Medicine
  - Nursing
  - Occupational therapy
  - Physical therapy
  - Therapy
- Use for: Allied health personnel

**Health promotion**
- Related term(s): Disability management
- Use for: Health education
  - Public health model
  - Wellness

**Health services**
**Use term(s): Health care**

**Health statistics**
*Usually disease related statistics, not used for employment or general client statistics.*
- Broad term(s): Statistics
- Related term(s): Demographics
  - Epidemiology
  - Incidence
  - Prevalence

Hearing
**Use term(s): Audiology**

**Hearing aids**
*Any of various types of mechanical or electric devices carried in or close to the outer ear in order to improve hearing.*
- Broad term(s): Communication devices
  - Devices
  - Sensory aids
- Related term(s): Audiology
  - Hearing impairments
  - TDD

**Hearing impairments**
*Includes hard of hearing, hearing loss, partial deafness; for documents primarily about people who are totally deaf, use DEAF or DEAFNESS.*
- Broad term(s): Disabilities
  - Sensory impairments
- Narrow term(s): Deafness
  - Deaf blind
- Related term(s): Audiology
  - Audiometry
  - Communication devices
  - Communication skills
  - Deafness
  - Hearing aids
  - Sensory aids
  - Speech impairments
  - TDD
- Use for: Communication disorders
  - Hard of hearing
  - Hearing loss
  - Hyperalgesia
  - Non vocal
  - Tinnitus
Hearing loss
**Use term(s): Hearing impairments**

Heart disorders
**Use term(s): Cardiac disorders**

**Hemiplegia**
Paralysis of one lateral half of the body or part of it resulting from injury to the motor centers of the opposite side of the brain.
Broad term(s): Paralysis
Related term(s): Brain injuries
  - Neurological disorders
  - Paraplegia
  - Quadruplegia
  - Spinal cord injuries
  - Stroke

**Hemophilia**
Hereditary blood disorder characterized by delayed clotting of the blood, causing abnormal bleeding.
Broad term(s): Blood disorders
Related term(s): Genetics

Herbal treatments
**Use term(s): Alternative medicine**

Hidden disabilities
**Use term(s): The term for the specific disability, see under DISABILITIES**

High blood pressure
**Use term(s): Blood pressure**

Hip
**Use term(s): Joints**

**Hiring practices**
Includes applicant interviews.
Narrow term(s): Affirmative action
Related term(s): Employment
Use for: Quota systems
  - Recruitment

**Hispanic Americans**
Broad term(s): Ethnic groups
Use for: Chicanos
  - Mexican Americans
  - Spanish-speaking Americans

**Histology**
Study of the microscopic structure of tissues; term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Medicine
Related term(s): Biochemistry

**History**
Used for documents written from a historical approach, such as history of treatment of disease, historical background of rehabilitation or services.
Related term(s): Disability

**HIV**
Human immunodeficiency virus, a virus that gradually destroys the immune system, resulting in infections that are hard for the body to fight.
Term added April 1988.
Broad term(s): Immune system
  - Immune system disorders
Related term(s): Autoimmune disorders
  - Sexually transmitted diseases
  - Substance abuse
Use for: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
  - AIDS
  - AIDS related complex
  - ARC
  - Human immunodeficiency virus

**HMO**
Providers of a specific range of medical care services to enrolled members on a prepaid basis; consumers are limited to the services available from the health care providers who are members of the organization.
Broad term(s): Managed care
Related term(s): Health care
  - PPO
Use for: Health maintenance organization

**Holism**
Consideration of a person as a whole rather than
as individual parts; taking into account the mental and spiritual aspects of a person as well as the physical; term added April 1988.
Narrow term(s): Alternative medicine
Use for: Holistic
System of care

Holistic
Use term(s): Holism=

Home based
People who remain in the home for physical, emotional, or geographic reasons; includes programs for clients unable to leave their homes, shut-ins.
Related term(s): Homemakers
Mobile facilities

Home care
Health and personal care of persons with disabilities provided in the home environment, usually by family members; an alternative to institutionalization.
Related term(s): Caregivers
Community-based services
Deinstitutionalization
Use for: Caregiving

Home economics
Theory and practice of homemaking.
Related term(s): Homemakers
Nutrition

Home furnishings
Use term(s): Furniture

Home modification
Modification of residences to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities.
Related term(s): Accommodations
Architectural accessibility
Bathrooms
Environmental control systems
Housing
Job modification
Rehabilitation engineering
Universal

Homeless
Individuals without fixed residences; term added June 1989.
Related term(s): Poverty

Homemakers
Includes training persons with disabilities in skills needed to do the tasks of caring for a home, such as home maintenance, laundry, and cleaning.
Related term(s): Child care
Daily living
Home
Use for: Housekeeping

Homosexuality
Broad term(s): Sexuality

Horticulture
Science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants; includes florists, flower arranging, light farming, and gardening as therapy. For larger scale farming, use AGRICULTURE.
Related term(s): Agriculture
Use for: Farming
Gardening

Hospices
Includes care of the terminally ill; centrally administered supportive services which provide physical, psychological, social, and spiritual care for dying persons and their families in the home or inpatient settings; includes bereavement services for the family.
Broad term(s): Facilities
Related term(s): Death
Hospitals
Nursing homes
Pain
Terminal illness

Hospitals
Includes materials about hospital-based facilities; for hospitalization, see appropriate treatment-related terms, such as MEDICAL TREATMENT.
Broad term(s): Facilities
Related term(s): Clinics
Hospices
Institutionalization
Long term care
Nursing homes
Terminal illness

Hotlines
**Use term(s): Information referral**

Housekeeping
**Use term(s): Daily living**
**Homemakers**

**Housing**
*Includes individual housing needs.*
Broad term(s): Facilities
Living facilities
Narrow term(s): Group homes
Halfway houses
Nursing homes
Related term(s): Architectural accessibility
Architectural barriers
Architecture
Bathrooms
Community living
Foster care
Furniture
Independent living
Home modification
Residential living
Universal design

Human engineering
**Use term(s): Ergonomics**

Human factors
**Use term(s): Ergonomics**

Human Immunodeficiency Virus
**Use term(s): HIV**

**Human interest**
*Personal descriptions or accounts of persons with disabilities.*
Related term(s): Rehabilitation success

Human motion
**Use term(s): Body movement**
**Motor skills**

Human relations
**Use term(s): Interpersonal relations**

Human services
**Use term(s): Social services**

Humor
**Use term(s): Adjustment**

**Huntington disease**
The spelling of this term was changed from Huntington’s (or Huntington’s) to Huntington, following National Library of Medicine classification.
Broad term(s): Neurological disorders
Use for: Chronic chorea

Husbands
**Use term(s): Spouses**

Hygiene
**Use term(s): Daily**

Hyperalgesia
**Use term(s): Hearing impairments**
**Pain**

Hypertension
**Use term(s): Blood pressure**

**IDEA**
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ensures that every child with a disability is identified and provided with a “free appropriate public education” from infancy through high school. Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Education
Legislation
Related term(s): Special education
**IEP**
Broad term(s): Service delivery  
Service integration  
Related term(s): Education  
Special education  
Use for: Individualized education plan

Ileostomy
**Use term(s): Ostomy**

Immigrant
**Use term(s): Foreign-born**

**Immune system**
*Term added September 2005.*
Narrow term(s): Autoimmune disorders  
HIV  
Immune system disorders  
Immunology  
Lupus  
Multiple Sclerosis

**Immunology**
The study of the body’s immune system and its functions and disorders. *Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Allergies  
Immunology
Related term(s): Immune system disorders

**Immune system disorders**
Immune system disorders occur when the immune response is inappropriate, excessive, or lacking. *Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Immune system
Narrow term(s): Autoimmune disorders  
HIV  
Lupus  
Multiple
Related term(s): Immunology

Impairments
**Use term(s): Disabilities**

**Implants**
Includes artificial joints, pacemakers, devices surgically implanted under the skin or onto the body.  
Broad term(s): Devices

Related term(s): Orthotics  
Surgery  
Use for: Biomaterials  
Medical implants  
Transplants

**Incentives**
Motivational forces that stimulate individuals to greater efficiency or activity.  
Antonym: Disincentives
Related term(s): Behavior modification  
Employment  
Motivation
Use for: Positive behavioral support  
Positive reinforcement

**Incidence**
Frequency of occurrence of any event or condition over a period of time and in relation to the population in which it occurs; rate of occurrence, as of a disease.  
Broad term(s): Statistics
Related term(s): Demographics  
Epidemiology  
Health

**Inclusion**
Integrating individuals into society who may have been considered for institutionalization or other types of isolation but are now considered able to learn from community involvement and integration; includes individuals with physical, psychiatric, developmental emotional, and learning disabilities, and so forth, *term added December 1994.*
Narrow term(s): Transition
Related term(s): Community integration  
Deinstitutionalization  
Diversity  
Independent living  
Special education
Use for: Integration  
Least-restrictive environment (LRE)  
Mainstreaming

**Income**
Includes payments
Related term(s): Budget
Business
Employment
Welfare
Use for: Salary
Wages

Incontinence
Related term(s): Urinary disorders
Use for: Enuresis

Independent living
Community-based programs with consumer involvement which provide directly, or coordinate indirectly through referral, those services necessary to assist persons with severe disabilities increase self determination and minimize unnecessary dependence upon others; includes specific facilities, programs, and theories.
Related term(s): Advocacy
Attendant care
Community living
Consumers
Daily living
Day care
Deinstitutionalization
Group homes
Halfway houses
Housing
Inclusion
Living facilities
Peer counseling
Residential living
Self care
Self help
Transportation
Transition
Use for: Self determination

Indexes
Alphabetical listings of names, places, or subjects.
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Abstracts
Bibliographies

Individualized Education Plan
Use term(s): IEP

Individualized Written Rehabilitation
Use term(s): IWRP

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
Use term(s): IDEA

Industrial injuries
Use term(s): Occupational injuries

Infants
Ages 0 to 2 years
Related term(s): Child abuse
Child care
Children
Family life
Fetuses
Parents
Siblings
Toys
Youth
Use for: Babies
Neonatals

Infections
Term added June 1989.
Narrow term(s): Tuberculosis
Use for: Bacterial infections
Viral infections

Infertility
Use term(s): Reproductive health

Information centers
Use term(s): Libraries

Information dissemination
Use term(s): Dissemination
Research utilization

Information networks
Includes networking, both computerized efforts and cooperative activities.
Related term(s): Information systems
Interagency cooperation
Libraries
Use for: Networks
Information referral
Includes information and referral (I&R) as well as hotlines.
Related term(s): Client assistance programs
Libraries
Referral
Use for: Hotlines

Information resources
Broad term; resources which provide or manage information.
Broad term(s): Accessible media
Narrow term(s): Access guides
Bibliographies
Classification systems
Dictionaries
Directories
Glossaries
Handbooks
Indexes
Information systems
Journals
Libraries
Literature reviews
State of the art reviews
Related term(s): Databases
Use for: Clearinghouses

Information systems
Includes computerized or manual information storage and retrieval system, management information systems (MIS), and so forth.
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Classification systems
Computer applications
Decision support systems
Information
Use for: Clearinghouses
Recordkeeping

Informed consent
Use term(s): Medical treatment and ethics

Injuries
General term used only when more specific terms do not exist; term added June 1989
Narrow term(s): Brain injuries
Occupational injuries
Self inflicted injuries
Spinal cord injuries
Use for: Wounds

Institutionalization
Can include the institutionalization of patients in hospitals, mental institutions or facilities, mentally retarded persons in institutions, or public offenders in jail
Antonym: Deinstitutionalization
Related term(s): Clients
Correctional facilities
Hospitals
Long term care
Public offenders

Instructional materials
Used in a school setting; relates to teachers or others instructing students with disabilities or other students about persons with disabilities; includes manuals, textbooks, and others, providing lessons, instruction, or use direction
Narrow term(s): Programmed instruction
Training materials
Related term(s): Accessible Media
Curriculum
Education
Instructional methods
Handbooks
Training
Vocational training
Use for: Guides

Instructional methods
Various means of conveying information or knowledge for educational purposes, term added December 1994
Broad term(s): Education
Related term(s): Instructional materials
Training materials
Training programs

Instructional workshops
**Use term(s): Workshops**

Instrumentation
**Use term(s): Assistive technology**
**Medical technology**

Instruments
**Use term(s): Questionnaires**
**Survey forms**
**Tests**

**Insurance**
*Includes auto insurance; use specific terms under NT when applicable*
Narrow term(s): Disability insurance
  - Health insurance
  - Medicaid
  - Medicare
  - OASDI
  - OASI
  - Payment systems
  - SSDI
  - SSI
  - Workers compensation
Related term(s): Disability determination
  - Social security
  - Welfare

Integration
**Use term(s): Inclusion**
**Intelligence**

Intelect
**Use term(s): Intelligence**

**Intelligence**
*Intellectual ability. For applied perception or reasoning, use COGNITION. For the ability to gain knowledge through study or experience, use LEARNING. For IQ and other measures of intelligence, use INTELLIGENCE TESTS.*

Narrow term(s): Intelligence tests
Related term(s): Brain
  - Child development
  - Cognition
  - Mental retardation
  - Learning
Use for: Intellect

**Intelligence tests**
*Instruments used to evaluate intellectual ability; tests designed to determine the relative mental capability of a person*

Broad term(s): Evaluation techniques
  - Intelligence
  - Measurements
  - Psychological tests
  - Tests
Use for: IQ

**Interagency cooperation**
*Includes agreements, cooperative programs, coordination, and linkage systems*
Related term(s): Information networks
  - Interagency relations
  - Service integration
  - Social services
  - Teamwork
Use for: Cooperation
  - Cooperative school programs
  - Coordination of services
  - Networks

**Interagency relations**
*Includes federal, state, and local agency relations*
Narrow term(s): Federal State relations
Related term(s): Community resources
  - Federal agencies
  - Interagency cooperation
  - Municipal/regional agencies
  - State agencies
Use for: Federal relations

**Interdisciplinary activities**
*Studies, programs, and other activities utilizing the expertise of more than one discipline; term added June*
Related term(s): Teamwork
Interfaces

**Use term(s):** Controls

**International rehabilitation**

Used for all documents published in or about rehabilitation in countries other than the United States; the name of the individual country discussed will also be used on the Descriptor line; if a document discusses many countries or a geographical area, terms such as Europe, Middle East, Africa, or South America may be used; see discussion under Country Names

Broad term(s): Rehabilitation

**Internet**

A matrix of networks connecting computers around the world; includes listserves, e-mail, World Wide Web sites, FTP, gopher, telnet, usenet, IRC, and all other Internet-accessed computer services and applications. Excludes independent networks, sites, and services not accessed through the Internet.

Broad term(s): Computers

Narrow term(s): Accessible media

  Electronic publications

Related term(s): Telecommunications

Use for: Chat rooms

  Electronic discussion groups

  E-mail

  Web sites

**Interpersonal relations**

Concerns relationships between persons; includes human relations

Related term(s): Child development

  Family life

  Group behavior

  Sexuality

  Social skills

Use for: Human relations

  Peer interactions

  Social interactions

**Interpreters**

Facilitators of communication between deaf and hearing individuals

Related term(s): American Sign Language

  Communication skills

  Interpreting

**Interpreting**

Conveying the spoken message of a hearing individual through manual signs and/or lip movements, and conveying through voice or writing the signed message of a deaf individual

Related term(s): American Sign Language

  Communication skills

  Interpreters

Use for: Lip reading

**Intervention**

Interceding between an individual and a disability or situation, such as attempting to prevent burnout or abuse; may be through education or medicine

Narrow term(s): Early intervention

Related term(s): Diagnosis

  Goal attainment scaling

  Medical treatment

Use for: Crisis intervention

**Interview techniques**

Includes procedures used by counselors in interviewing

Broad term(s): Evaluation techniques

Related term(s): Questionnaires

  Counseling

  Counseling techniques

  Research methodology

  Survey forms

  Surveys

Inventories

**Use term(s):** Questionnaires

  Survey forms

  Tests

Invisible disabilities

**Use term(s):** the term for the specific disability, see under DISABILITIES

**IQ**

**Use term(s):** Intelligence tests

Ischemia

**Use term(s):** Anemia
IWRP
Written agreement made between a vocational rehabilitation agency and a client which lists the responsibilities of both parties
Broad term(s): Service delivery
Service integration
Use for: Individualized written rehabilitation plan

Job analysis
Systematic study or review of tasks, working conditions, rate of pay, personal qualities needed to perform a job
Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Employment
Functional evaluation

Job clubs
Use term(s): Job search

Job descriptions
All pertinent facts about a job or job cluster which accurately define its characteristics and requirements
Related term(s): Careers
  Employment
  Vocational evaluation
Use for: Occupational information

Job development
Process of working with various community resources to increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities
Related term(s): Employment
  Job modification
  Placement

On-the-job injuries
Use term(s): Occupational injuries

Job interview
Use term(s): Job search

Job modification
Includes adjusting, adapting, or redesigning tools, machines, equipment, or workplaces to make employment accessible to persons with disabilities
Related term(s): Accommodation
  Employment
  Environmental control systems
  Home modification
  Job development
Use for: Job restructuring
  Work adaptation
  Worksite modification

Job readiness
Use term(s): Employability

Job restructuring
Use term(s): Job modification

Job satisfaction
Gratification of employee needs; includes employee satisfaction
Related term(s): Counselor employment
  Employment
Use for: Satisfaction

Job search
Focuses on job seekers with disabilities; includes resume writing and job banks.
Related term(s): Employment
Use for: Job clubs
  Job interview

On the job training
Broad term(s): Training
Related term(s): Employment programs
  Job training techniques
  Work study programs

Job training techniques
Includes job tryout.
Related term(s): Careers
  Employment
  Evaluation techniques
On the job training
Training
Vocational training

Jobs
Use term(s): Employment

Joints
Junctures between two bones.
Broad term(s): Anatomy
Body
Related term(s): Arthritis
Bones
Carpal tunnel syndrome
Muscles
Orthopedics
Use for: Ankle
Elbow
Hip
Knee
Shoulder
Wrist

Journals
Periodicals dealing with matters of current interest; if journal article, or special issue, “Journal” appears in AV.
Broad term(s): Information resources
Use for: Periodicals

Juvenile delinquency
Antisocial behavior in youths beyond parental control, open to legal action; includes juvenile delinquents.
Related term(s): Children
Correctional facilities
Crime prevention
Dropouts
Law enforcement
Public offenders
Youth

Kidney disorders
Relates to disorder of one or both of the organs that excrete urine.
Broad term(s): Urinary disorders
Narrow term(s): End stage renal disease
Use for: Renal disorders

Kindergarten
Use term(s): Preschool

Kinematic measures
Use term(s): Physical evaluation

Knee
Use term(s): Joints

Knowledge utilization
Use term(s): Research utilization

Labor unions
Use term(s): Unions

Language
Means of communication, including reception and expression; includes pronunciation and foreign languages
Narrow term(s): American Sign Language
Sign language
Related term(s): Aphasia
Communication
Language disorders
Language learning
Learning disabilities
Speech
Speech impairments

Language disorders
Disorders relating to an inability to communicate, including reception and expression of ideas.
Narrow term(s): Speech impairments
Related term(s): Language
Language learning
Use for: Communication disorders

**L**

**Language learning**
*Process of learning language, including learning foreign languages; language development.*
Broad term(s): Learning
Related term(s): American Sign Language
    - Aphasia
    - Child development
    - Language
    - Language disorders
    - Learning disabilities
    - Speech
    - Speech impairments
    - Speech therapy
    - Stuttering

**Laryngectomy**
*Excision of the larynx*
Broad term(s): Surgery
Related term(s): Speech impairments

Late deafened
**Use term(s): Deaf**
Deafness

**Law enforcement**
Related term(s): Correctional facilities
    - Crime prevention
    - Juvenile delinquency
    - Legal services
    - Public offenders
Use for: Criminal justice

Laws
**Use term(s): Legislation**

**Leadership**
*Term added September 2005*
Related term(s): Advocacy
    - Empowerment

Mentoring
Self concept

**Learning**
*Includes learning curves, rates, how a person learns, and learning theory.*
Narrow term(s): Academic achievement
    - Language learning
Related term(s): Child development
    - Cognition
    - Education
    - Intelligence
    - Learning disabilities
    - Math skills
    - Memory
    - Perception
    - Programmed instruction
    - Reading skills
    - Students
    - Teachers
    - Writing skills

**Learning disabilities**
*Includes specific difficulties in learning to read (Dyslexia), write (Dysgraphia), or calculate (Dyscalculia); includes persons with learning disabilities.*
Broad term(s): Developmental disabilities
    - Disabilities
Related term(s): Education
    - Language
    - Language learning
    - Learning
    - Motor skills
Use for: Dyslexia

Least-Restrictive Environment (LRE)
**Use term(s): Inclusion**

**Legal concerns**
*Includes legal concerns of disability*
Related term(s): Advocacy
    - Affirmative action
    - Court cases
    - Legal services
    - Legislation
    - Testimony
Legal services
Includes law, lawyers, or services on legal matters
Related term(s): Correctional facilities
  Law enforcement
  Legal concerns
  Legislation

Legislation
Includes acts, laws, bills; federal, state, and local level hearings; enactment of laws; for implementation of laws, use REGULATIONS
Narrow term(s): Accessibility legislation
  ADA
  Employment legislation
  Section 502
  Section 503
  Section 504
  Section 508
Related term(s): Advocacy
  Court cases
  Legal concerns
  Legal services
  Regulations
Use for: Disability rights
  Laws
  Mandate

Licensing
Use term(s): Accreditation for facilities
  Certification for people

Life care planning
An interdisciplinary and scientific process of developing individualized life-long plans designed to project the future needs, services, and costs of individuals usually requiring long-term care as a result of a catastrophic illness or injury, term added December 1994.
Broad term(s): Planning
Related term(s): Community living
  Costs
  Health care
  Testimony

Life skills training
Use term(s): Daily living

Life-stage adjustment
Use term(s): Adjustment

Limbs
For natural limbs; for artificial limbs, use PROSTHETICS.
Broad term(s): Anatomy
  Body
Related term(s): Arthritis
  Bones
Use for: Arms
  Extremities
  Insensitive limbs
  Legs
  Lower extremities
  Upper extremities
Lip reading

**Use term(s): Communication skills**
- Interpreting
- Literacy

**Use term(s): Reading skills**

**Literature reviews**
*Extensive overviews of the literature; does not include literature review as part of an annual or final report writing process.*
- Broad term(s): Information resources
- Related term(s): Research reviews
  - State of the art reviews
- Use for: Overview
  - Reviews

**Litigation**

**Use term(s): Court cases**

**Living facilities**
*Facilities designated for persons with disabilities or mental retardation.*
- Broad term(s): Facilities
- Narrow term(s): Group homes
  - Halfway houses
  - Housing
  - Nursing homes
- Related term(s): Community living
  - Day care
  - Independent living
  - Residential living

**Lobbying**

**Use term(s): Advocacy**

**Locomotion**

**Use term(s): Ambulation**
- Mobility
- Transportation
- Wheelchairs

**Locomotor skills**

**Use term(s): Motor skills**

**Long term care**
*Indefinite period of personal care; includes convalescent care.*
- Related term(s): Attendant care
- Chronic illness
  - Hospitals
  - Institutionalization
  - Nursing
  - Nursing homes

**Longitudinal studies**
*Studies dealing with growth or change of an individual or group over a period of years.*
- Related term(s): Feasibility studies
  - Research methodology

**Lou Gehrig’s disease**

**Use term(s): Neuromuscular disorders**

**Low back pain**

**Use term(s): Back pain**

**Low income**
*Excludes WELFARE and POVERTY.*
- Related term(s): FDC
  - Poverty
  - Welfare
- Use for: Public assistance

**Low vision**
- Broad term(s): Vision
  - Visual impairments
- Related term(s): Blind
  - Blindness
  - Deaf blind
- Use for: Cataracts
  - Magnification
  - Partially sighted
  - Residual vision

**Low vision aids**

**Use term(s): Sensory aids and low vision**

**Low vision clinics**

**Use term(s): Low vision and clinics**

**Lower extremities**

**Use term(s): Limbs**
LRE (Least-Restrictive Environment)

**Use term(s):** Inclusion

Lung diseases

**Use term(s):** Respiratory disease

**Lupus**
An inflammatory disease of unknown origin involving vascular and connective tissues of many organs with resultant multiple local and systemic symptoms, term added December 1994.

Broad term(s): Immune system
- Immune system disorders
- Autoimmune disorders

Use for: DLE
- SLE
  - Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
  - Discoid lupus erythematosus (DLE)

**Macular degeneration**

**Use term(s):** Visual impairments

**Magnification**

**Use term(s):** Low vision

Mainstreaming

**Use term(s):** Inclusion

**Males**
Antonym: Females

Related term(s): Adults
- Children
- Family life
- Infants
- Older

Use for: Boys
- Men

**Managed care**
A health care delivery system in which services, fees, providers, and/or delivery methods are pre-

determined by insurers or government agencies.

Term added July 1998.

Broad term(s): Health care

Narrow term(s): HMO
- PPO
  - Risk adjustment

Related term(s): Costs
- Health insurance
- Medical treatment
- Payment systems
- Service delivery

Use for: System of care

**Management**
Includes administration, performance of executive duties, management of facilities, theory of management, and management practices.

Narrow term(s): Case management
- Caseload management
- Time management

Related term(s): Accounting
- Administrators
- Budget
- Consulting
- Cost benefit analysis
- Costs
- Decision support systems
- Marketing
- Operations research
- Planning
- Problem solving
- Public relations
- Supervisors
- Systems analysis
- Task analysis

Use for: Administration
- Decision making

Management Information Systems

**Use term(s):** Information systems and management

**Mandate**

**Use term(s):** Legislation Regulations

**Manpower**
Existence or availability of an adequate supply of qualified personnel
Manual dexterity

**Use term(s): Dexterity**

Manuals

**Use term(s): Handbooks**

**Marketing**

*Functions involved in moving goods and services from producer to consumer; includes advertising, promoting, distributing, identifying customer needs, and providing goods and services to meet those needs.*

Related term(s): Management
  - Planning
  - Public relations

Use for: Advertising
  - Outreach

**Marriage**

Antonym: Divorce

Related term(s): Children
  - Parents
  - Sexuality
  - Spouses

**Math skills**

*Includes ways to develop the ability to do arithmetic and math, term added December 1994*

Related term(s): Learning

**Measurements**

*Term added July 2005.*

Narrow term(s): Functional evaluation
  - Intelligence tests
  - Psychological tests
  - Surveys
  - Questionnaires

Related term(s): Evaluations
  - Tests

**Mechanical stress**

*Testing, evaluating, or measuring stress on mechanical parts, usually on devices or equipment*

Related term(s): Physical stress

Use for: Stress

**Media**

*Particularly attitudes of media towards persons with disabilities, or ways persons with disabilities are depicted in the media*

Narrow term(s): Radio
  - Television
  - Accessible media

**Medicaid**

*State-operated program which provides medical coverage for hospitalization and treatment, homemaker, home health aide and visiting nurse services, transportation related to medical costs and equipment.*

Broad term(s): Insurance
Related term(s): Medicare
  - Payment systems

Medical rehabilitation

**Use term(s): Rehabilitation medicine**

**Medical aspects**

*Includes medical aspects of disability.*

Related term(s): Health care
  - Medical evaluation
  - Medical treatment
  - Medicine
  - Psychological aspects

Medical care

**Use term(s): Health care**

**Medical treatment**

**Medical evaluation**

*Evaluation by a physician to determine a client’s capabilities from a medical viewpoint; part of a total evaluation process.*

Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Diagnosis
Disability determination
Medical aspects
Medical treatment
Medicine
Vocational evaluation
Use for: Client evaluation

Medical implants
**Use term(s): Implants**

**Medical personnel**
*Individuals employed in the medical field.*
Broad term(s): Health personnel
  Medicine
  Personnel
Narrow term(s): Physicians
Related term(s): Dentistry
  Nursing
  Psychiatry
  Therapists
Use for: Allied health personnel

Medical records
**Use term(s): Client records**

**Medical research**
*Pure research in the field of medicine or medical treatment; use research terms sparingly.*
Broad term(s): Research
Related term(s): Medicine
Use for: Clinical trials

**Medical technology**
*Includes technologies related to the field of medicine.*
Broad term(s): Devices
  Technology
Related term(s): Assistive technology
  Engineering
  Technology development
  Technology transfer
Use for: Instrumentation

**Medical treatment**
*Process or technique not surgery or therapy; includes intervention.*
Narrow term(s): Chemotherapy

Physical therapy
Psychotherapy
Acute care
Post-acute care
Subacute care
Related term(s): Case management
  Diagnosis
  Drugs
  Early intervention
  Health care
  Intervention
  Managed care
  Medical aspects
  Medical evaluation
  Medicine
  Physical medicine
  Psychiatry
  Rehabilitation
Use for: Medical care
  Primary care
  Subacute care
  Treatment

**Medicare**
*Federally funded broad medical program available to individuals over 65, and to SSDI and SSI recipients who have been disabled and have been receiving payments for two years or more.*
Broad term(s): Insurance
Related term(s): DRG
  Medicaid
  Payment systems
  SSDI
  SSI

**Medicine**
*Relating to the study and practice of medicine; for medications, use DRUGS.*
Narrow term(s): Diagnosis
  Etiology
  Histology
  Medical personnel
  Orthopedics
  Pathology
  Physical medicine
  Physiology
  Psychiatry
  Rehabilitation medicine
Surgery
Related term(s): Anatomy
Medical aspects
Medical evaluation
Medical personnel
Medical research
Medical treatment
Nursing
Physician

Memory
*Ability to remember, recall, or recognize.*
Related term(s): Learning

Men
**Use term(s): Males**

Mental health
*Concerns aspects of maintaining healthy mental and emotional responses; includes mentally restored and prevention of mental illness.*
Related term(s): Counseling
  - Emotions
  - Group counseling
  - Health care
  - Prevention

Mental illness
**Use term(s): Psychiatric disabilities**

Mental retardation
*Includes persons with retardation.*
Broad term(s): Developmental disabilities
  - Disabilities
Narrow term(s): Down syndrome
Related term(s): Community living
  - Intelligence
  - Neurological disorders

Mental stress
*Includes mental strain*
Related term(s): Burnout
  - Physical stress
  - Posttraumatic stress disorders
Use for: Stress

**Mentoring**
*Counseling, training, support, and education provided by a trusted friend, counselor, or teacher, usually a more experienced person. Term added August 2005.*
Broad term(s): Education
Related term(s): Leadership
  - Modeling

**Metabolism**
*Metabolism refers to all the physical and chemical processes within the body that create and use energy, such as: digesting food and nutrients, eliminating waste through urine and feces, breathing, circulating blood, regulating temperature. Term added September 2005.*
Narrow term(s): Metabolism disorders

**Metabolism disorders**
*Abnormalities in the processes of utilizing substances entering the body for energy or body repair.*
Broad term(s): Metabolism
Narrow term(s): Diabetes

Methodology
**Use term(s): Research methodology**

Mexican Americans
**Use term(s): Hispanic Americans**

**Micrographics**
*Includes micrographics and information on micrographic equipment*
Related term(s): Audiovisual materials

**Migrants**
*Persons who move regularly in order to find work, especially in harvesting crops.*
Related term(s): Agriculture
  - Employment
  - Rural services

**Milieu therapy**
*Form of psychotherapy which takes into account the social and physical aspects of the patients’ environment; environmental therapy rather than*
attitudinal or behavioral therapy.
Broad term(s): Psychotherapy
  Therapy
Use for: Environmental therapy

Military
Includes military personnel
Broad term(s): Federal agencies
Related term(s): Veterans
Use for: Armed forces
  Selective service

Minorities
Use term(s): Ethnic groups or specific ethnic group, see under ETHNIC GROUPS

Mobile facilities
Vehicles with specialized equipment to allow diagnosis and treatment of homebound or otherwise isolated persons; includes mobile facilities to sell goods made by homebound persons or others.
Broad term(s): Facilities
Related term(s): Clinics
  Community resources
  Homebound

Mobility
Techniques used in moving or traveling
Related term(s): Ambulation
  Body movement
  Daily living
  Mobility aids
  Mobility impairments
  Orientation
  Transportation
  Wheelchairs
Use for: Body coordination
  Locomotion

Mobility aids
Devices that enhance one’s ability to move; includes walkers, canes, crutches, lifts, transfer devices, elevators, emergency safety equipment, stretchers, and standing.
Broad term(s): Assistive technology
  Devices
Narrow term(s): Orthotics
  Prosthetics
  Wheelchairs
Related term(s): Ambulation
  Communication devices
  Driving
  Mobility
  Mobility impairments
  Mobility training
  Motor vehicles
  Safety
  Seating
Use for: Crutches

Mobility impairments
Broad term; when possible, use specific disability terms, see under DISABILITIES.
Related term(s): Mobility
  Mobility aids
  Mobility training

Mobility training
Teaching persons with disabilities to move within and interact with their environment; used for training blind persons.
Broad term(s): Training
Related term(s): Ambulation
  Blind
  Deaf blind
  Mobility aids
  Mobility impairments
  Visual impairments

Model cities
Program to identify and establish an ideal urban environment.
Related term(s): Model programs
  Pilot projects
  Urban studies
Use for: Models

Model programs
Ideal programs which provide examples of exemplary activities.
Broad term(s): Programs
Related term(s): Model cities
  Pilot projects
  Project
Use for: Demonstration programs
  Models

**Modeling**

*Ideal behavior to be used as a guide, for imitation; includes role models.*

Related term(s): Behavior modification
  Self concept
  Mentoring

Use for: Models
  Role playing
  Roles

Models

**Use term(s): Model cities**
  Model programs
  Modeling
  Pilot projects

Morbidity

**Use term(s): Epidemiology**

Mortality

**Use term(s): Death**

Mothers

**Use term(s): Parents**

Motion analysis

**Use term(s): Physical evaluation**

**Motivation**

*Includes incentive and drive*

Related term(s): Attitudes
  Behavior
  Disincentives
  Incentives
  Self concept

**Motor skills**

*Ability to produce, direct, or control one’s own bodily movements as required in a specific situation.*

Related term(s): Body movement
  Learning disabilities
  Muscles
  Muscular impairments

Neuromuscular

Use for: Body coordination
  Fine motor skills
  Gross motor skills
  Human motion
  Locomotor skills
  Range of motion

**Motor vehicles**

*Includes types of vehicles, such as automobiles, trucks, buses, vans, ambulances, and recreational vehicles, as well as driver training and licensing.*

Broad term(s): Devices
Related term(s): Driving
  Mobility aids
  Rail transportation
  Transportation

Movement therapy

**Use term(s): Dance therapy**

Multiculturalism

**Use term(s): Diversity**

Multimedia

**Use term(s): Audiovisual materials**
  Computer applications

Multiply handicapped

**Use term(s): Multiple disabilities**

**Multiple disabilities**

*Formerly MULTIPLY DISABLED. Includes individuals with more than one disability, either physical or mental; see also terms for specific disabilities.*

Broad term(s): Disabilities
Related term(s): Deaf blind
  Developmental disabilities
  Physical disabilities
  Severe disabilities
Use for: Multiply disabled
  Multiply handicapped

**Multiple sclerosis**

*Chronic degenerative disease of the central nervous system.*
Broad term(s): Autoimmune disorders
Disabilities
Immune system
Immune system disorders
Neurological disorders
Neuromuscular disorders

Motor skills
Muscles
Musculoskeletal disorders
Neuromuscular disorders

Use for: Atrophy
Muscular defects

Municipal/regional agencies
Government agencies at the local or regional level; term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Organizations
Related term(s): Community resources
Federal agencies
Interagency relations
State agencies
Use for: Agencies
Government

Musculoskeletal disorders
Disabilities concerning complex system of bones, muscles, ligaments, tendons, and other connecting tissues.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
Narrow term(s): Arthritis
Muscular dystrophy
Scoliosis
Related term(s): Muscular
Use for: Orthopedically disabled

Music therapy
Use of music in treatment; includes music therapists.
Broad term(s): Therapy
Related term(s): Art

Mutual help
Use term(s): Self help

Myasthenia gravis
Use term(s): Neuromuscular disorders

Muscular dystrophy
Hereditary disease characterized by progressive wasting of the muscles.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
Muscular impairments
Musculoskeletal disorders

Muscular defects
Use term(s): Muscular impairments

Muscular impairments
Impairments of muscles and muscular diseases.
Narrow term(s): Cerebral palsy
Muscular dystrophy
Paralysis
Poliomyelitis
Spasticity
Related term(s): Facial disfigurement

Narcolepsy
Use term(s): Sleep disorders

National surveys
Surveys conducted on a national scale.
Broad term(s): Surveys
Related term(s): Census
Demographics
Questionnaires
Research methodology
Survey forms
Native Americans
Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Ethnic groups
Use for: American Indians

Natural supports
Use term(s): Community resources

Needs assessment
Includes priorities, community needs, problem identification, and program needs.
Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Accountability
Problem solving
Research methodology
Use for: Assessment

Negative reinforcement
Use term(s): Behavior modification
Disincentives

Negroes
Use term(s): African Americans

Neonatals
Use term(s): Infants

Nerves
Bundle of fibers which connect parts of the nervous system with the other organs, conduct nervous impulses, and are made up of axons and dendrites together with protective and supportive tissue.
Broad term(s): Anatomy
Body
Nervous system
Narrow term(s): Neurology
Related term(s): Neurological disorders

Nervous system
Use for documents dealing with the nervous system as a broad category.
Broad term(s): Anatomy
Narrow term(s): Brain
Nerves
Neurology
Spinal cord

Related term(s): Neurological disorders
Neuromuscular disorders
Parkinson’s disease
Use for: Central nervous system

Networks
Use term(s): Information networks
Interagency cooperation

Neurological disorders
Organic disorders of the nervous system such as Ryes’ Syndrome, Meningitis, and Encephalitis; includes treatment; use specific disorders listed below under Narrow term when appropriate.
Broad term(s): Neurology
Narrow term(s): Cerebral palsy
Epilepsy
Huntington disease
Multiple sclerosis
Parkinson’s disease
Poliomyelitis
Repetitive strain
Related term(s): Brain damage
Brain injuries
Hemiplegia
Mental retardation
Nerves
Nervous system
Neuromuscular disorders
Paralysis
Paraplegia
Quadriplegia
Sleep disorders
Spinal cord injuries
Use for: Insensitive limbs

Neurology
The medical science that deals with the nervous system and disorders affecting it. Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Nerves
Nervous system
Narrow term(s): Neurological disorders
Neuromuscular disorders
Use for: Neurorehabilitation
Neuromuscular disorders
Disorders involving both nerves and muscles
Broad term(s): Disabilities
Neurology
Narrow term(s): Multiple sclerosis
Paralysis
Related term(s): Motor skills
Muscular impairments
Nervous system
Neurological disorders
Use for: ALS
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome
Lou Gehrig’s disease
Myasthenia gravis

Neurorehabilitation
Use term(s): Neurology
Rehabilitation medicine

Newly diagnosed
Refers to recent diagnosis or onset of a disability, either permanent or temporary. Concerning all aspects of the life of a person who has received such a diagnosis. Term added September 2005.
Use for: Newly disabled

Newly disabled
Use term(s): Newly diagnosed

No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
Use term(s): Legislation
Education

Non rehabilitants
Use term(s): Outcome

Non vocal
Use term(s): Hearing impairments
Speech impairments

Normalization
Use term(s): Deinstitutionalization

Nursing
Includes nurses, nursing treatment, and techniques.
Obesity
Related term(s): Eating disorders
   Nutrition
   Physical fitness

Obstetrics
Use term(s): Fetuses and medicine when in utero
   Infants and medicine when post partum

Occupational information
Use term(s): Job description
   Careers
   Professional education
   Professional training

Occupational injuries
Formerly INDUSTRIAL INJURIES. Injuries occurring on the job or acquired through work-related activities. Term added July 1998.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
   Injuries
Related term(s): Carpal tunnel syndrome
   Disability management
   Employment reentry
   Occupational therapy
   Repetitive strain injuries
   Safety
Use for: Industrial injuries
   On-the-job injuries
   Work disabilities
   Work-related injuries

Occupational therapy
Specially designed therapeutic activities, including therapeutic exercise or sensorimotor training, intended to improve functional skills for work, daily living, and vocational activities.
Broad term(s): Therapy
Related term(s): Art therapy
   Medical personnel
   Occupational injuries
   Physical therapy
   Speech therapy

Occupational training
Use term(s): Vocational training

Offenders
Use term(s): Public offenders

Old Age and Survivor’s Disability Insurance
Use term(s): OASDI

Old Age and Survivor’s Insurance
Use term(s): OASI

Older adults
Individuals aged 65 or older.
Broad term(s): Adults
Narrow term(s): Older workers
Related term(s): Aging
   Older workers
   Retirement
Use for: Aged
   Elderly
   Older disabled
   Senior citizens

Older disabled
Use term(s): Older adults

Older workers
Older employees who have not reached retirement age.
Broad term(s): Older adults
Related term(s): Aging
   Employment
   Retirement
Use for: Elderly persons

Operations research
Application of scientific and especially mathematical methods to the study and analysis of problems involving complex systems; attempts to develop an integrated and comprehensive approach to organizations, one that rationally selects from or combines different points of view.
Broad term(s): Research
Related term(s): Management
   Problem solving
   Systems analysis

Oral-motor deficits
Use term(s): Swallowing disorders
Organizations
Includes clubs, voluntary agencies at the national, state, or local levels.
Narrow term(s): Federal agencies
Municipal/regional agencies
State agencies
Unions
Related term(s): Community resources
Facilities
Private sector rehabilitation
Use for: Associations

Organs
Use term(s): Body
Physiology
Specific organ terms, see under body

Orientation
Awareness of one’s place in space with respect to other persons and objects; term added June 1989.
Related term(s): Blind
Deaf blind
Mobility

Orthopedic disabilities
Use term(s): Physical disabilities
Orthopedically disabled
Use term(s): Musculoskeletal disorders
Physical disabilities

Orthopedics
Branch of medical science dealing with prevention or correction of skeletal disorders; includes orthopedists.
Broad term(s): Medicine
Related term(s): Amputations
Back
Back pain
Bones
Joints
Orthotics
Physical

Orthotics
Branch of medical and mechanical sciences dealing with support and bracing of weak or ineffective joints or muscles; includes orthoses and orthotists.
Broad term(s): Devices
Related term(s): Implants
Mobility aids
Orthopedics
Prosthetics
Rehabilitation engineering
Technology
Use for: Braces

Ostomy
An operation to create an artificial opening.
Broad term(s): Surgery
Related term(s): Stoma
Use for: Colostomy
Ileostomy
Ureterostomy

Outcomes
Measurable results of a program, particularly as it relates to clients with disabilities.
Related term(s): Closure
Evaluation
Follow up
Goal attainment scaling
Placement
Program evaluation
Rehabilitation success
Use for: Non rehabilitants

Outpatients
Use term(s): Clinics

Outreach
Use term(s): Marketing

Overview
Use term(s): Literature reviews
State of the art reviews
Pain
Includes chronic and intractable pain, acute suffering; for emotional pain, use EMOTIONS or GRIEF.
Narrow term(s): Back pain
Related term(s): Arthritis
  Chronic illness
  Drugs
  Fibromyalgia
  Hospices
  Terminal illness
Use for: Chronic pain
  Hyperalgesia

Panic disorders
Use term(s): Anxiety disorders

Paralysis
Loss or impairment of motor functions in part due to lesion of the neural or muscular mechanisms; use more specific terms as appropriate.
Broad term(s): Muscular impairments
  Neuromuscular disorders
Narrow term(s): Hemiplegia
  Paraplegia
  Quadriplegia
Related term(s): Brain damage
  Brain injuries
  Neurological disorders
  Poliomyelitis
  Spasticity
  Spina bifida
  Spinal cord injuries
  Stroke

Paralysis agitans
Use term(s): Parkinson disease

Paraparesis
Use term(s): Paraplegia

Paraplegia
Paralysis of both legs; includes paraplegics
Broad term(s): Paralysis
Related term(s): Brain injuries
  Hemiplegia
  Neurological disorders
  Quadriplegia
  Spinal cord injuries
Use for: Paraparesis

Paraprofessionals
Individuals with special training who assist professionals.
Broad term(s): Personnel
Related term(s): Manpower
  Professionals
  Volunteers
Use for: Allied health personnel
  Peer counselors

Parenting with a disability
Broad term(s): Parents
Related term(s): Caregivers
Use for: Disabled parents

Parents
Includes all aspects of parenting.
Related term(s): Adoption
  Caregivers
  Child abuse
  Child care
  Children
  Divorce
  Family life
  Infants
  Marriage
  Siblings
Use for: Disabled parents
  Fathers
  Mothers

Parkinson disease
Chronic, progressive nervous disease causing muscular tremors, rigidity of movement, and peculiarity of gait.
Broad term(s): Neurological disorders
Related term(s): Nervous system
  Spasticity
Use for: Paralysis agitans  
Shaking palsy

Partially sighted
Use term(s): Low vision

**Participatory action research**  
*Systematic inquiry, with the collaboration of those affected by the issue being studied, for purposes of education and taking action or effecting change.*  
*Term added July 2005.*

Broad term(s): Research  
Consumers

Related term(s): Capacity building

**Pathology**  
*Study of the nature of diseases, and the structural and functional changes produced by diseases; includes pathologists; see also specific diseases and related sciences.*

Broad term(s): Medicine

Related term(s): Diagnosis  
Etiology

Patient characteristics
Use term(s): Client

**Patient education**  
*Educating the patient or the family about the disability or disease, health care issues, and prevention of possible complications.*

Broad term(s): Education

Related term(s): Therapeutic training

Use for: Compliance with treatment  
Family involvement  
Health education  
Patient

Patient records
Use term(s): Client records

Patient training
Use term(s): Patient education  
Therapeutic training

Patients
Use term(s): Clients

**Payment systems**  
*Term added September 2005.*

Broad term(s): Costs  
Rehabilitation services  
Service delivery

Related term(s): Insurance  
Managed care  
Medicaid  
Medicare

Pediatrics
Use term(s): Infants and medicine when between birth and 2 years of age

Children and medicine when between 2 and 13 years of age

**Peer counseling**  
*Emotional support, guidance, and information given to someone by another who has had similar experiences.*  
*Term added September 2005.*

Broad term(s): Counseling

Counseling techniques

Related term(s): Group counseling  
Independent living  
Self concept  
Self help

Peer counselors
Use term(s): Paraprofessionals

Peer interactions
Use term(s): Interpersonal relations

**Peer review**  
*The evaluation by experts of the quality and pertinence of research or research proposals of other experts in the same field. Peer review is used by editors in deciding which submissions warrant publication, by granting agencies to determine which proposals should be funded, and by academic institutions in tenure decisions.*  
*[MeSH, 1994]*

Related term(s): Evaluation

People with disabilities
Use term(s): Consumers
**Perception**
Awareness of the elements of environment through physical sensation, such as color or space perception.

Related term(s): Attitudes
  - Cognition
  - Intelligence
  - Learning
  - Self concept

Performance evaluation

**Use term(s): Counselor evaluation**
  - Employee productivity
  - Employment success
  - Evaluation techniques
  - Functional evaluation
  - Task analysis
  - Vocational evaluation

**Performance standards**
*Term added September 2005.*

Broad term(s): Standards
  - Evaluation

Periodicals

**Use term(s): Journals**

Personal adjustment

**Use term(s): Adjustment**
  - Rehabilitation success
  - Work adjustment

Personal assistance

**Use term(s): Personal assistance services**

**Personal assistance services**
*Refers to help provided to people with disabilities to assist them with tasks essential for daily living. These tasks include bathing, dressing, getting around, toileting, eating, shopping, remembering things, and other activities. Term added October 2005.*

Related term(s): Attendant care

Use for: Personal assistance
  - Personal care attendants

**Personality**
Non-physical characteristics that distinguish an individual or a group.

Narrow term(s): Attitudes
  - Emotions
  - Self concept

Related term(s): Aggression
  - Behavior
  - Behavior modification
  - Depression

Personality disorders

**Use term(s): Anxiety disorders**
  - Depression
  - Psychiatric disabilities
  - Schizophrenia

**Personnel**
*Broad term; use specific terms listed below under Narrow term when appropriate.*

Narrow term(s): Administrators
  - Counselors
  - Health personnel
  - Medical personnel
  - Paraprofessionals
  - Physicians
  - Professionals
  - Supervisors
  - Teachers
  - Volunteers

Related term(s): Affirmative action
  - Certification
  - Consulting
  - Manpower
  - Staff development

Pet therapy

**Use term(s): Animals and therapy**

Pets

**Use term(s): Animals**

**Pharmacology**
*Science of drugs; includes the properties and re-
actions of drugs; also includes pharmacologists.
Related term(s): Drugs
Use for: Toxicology

**Philosophy**
*Discipline dealing with rationale, evaluation of truths, principles of being, knowledge or conduct, especially as it relates to rehabilitation.*
Narrow term(s): Ethics
Related term(s): History
  - Religion

Phobias
*Use term(s): Anxiety disorders*

Physiatrists
*Use term(s): Physical medicine*

**Physical disabilities**
*Formerly PHYSICALLY DISABLED. Broad term for documents discussing many different types of physical disabilities; see also specific disabilities and conditions. Term added July 1998.*
Broad term(s): Disabilities
Related term(s): Physical evaluation
  - Physical therapy
Use for: Physically disabled
  - Orthopedic disabilities
  - Orthopedically disabled

**Physical education**
*Education in care and development of the human body stressing athletics; use only in a school setting.*
Broad term(s): Education
Related term(s): Exercise
  - Physical fitness
  - Recreation
  - Sports

**Physical evaluation**
*Assessment of a client’s physical abilities. Term added July 1998.*
Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Functional evaluation
  - Physical disabilities
  - Physical fitness
  - Physical therapy

**Physical fitness**
*Includes physical conditioning and development of the body.*
Related term(s): Exercise
  - Leisure
  - Nutrition
  - Obesity
  - Physical education
  - Physical evaluation
  - Prevention
  - Recreation
  - Sports

**Physical medicine**
*Branch of medicine dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of physical diseases or disorders by a physician using physical agents such as heat, light, cold, electricity, manipulation, or by use of mechanical devices.*
Broad term(s): Medicine
Related term(s): Medical treatment
  - Orthopedics
  - Physical therapy
  - Rehabilitation
  - Rehabilitation medicine
Use for: Physiatrists

**Physical stress**
*Pressure, force, or strain as it relates to the human body.*
Related term(s): Mechanical stress
  - Mental stress
Use for: Stress

**Physical therapy**
*Treatment plan usually prescribed by a doctor to develop muscle power and skill, or to restore lost or diminished bodily function; includes physical therapists.*
Broad term(s): Medical treatment
  - Therapy
Related term(s): Art therapy
  - Exercise
  - Medical personnel
  - Motor skills
Occupational therapy
Physical disabilities
Physical evaluation
Physical medicine
Speech therapy

Physically disabled
**Use term(s): Physical disabilities**

**Physicians**
Includes practitioners of any type of medicine; see medical specialties under MEDICINE.
Broad term(s): Health personnel
  - Medical personnel
  - Personnel
  - Professionals
Related term(s): Medicine

**Physiology**
Science of the functions of the cells, tissues, and organs of living organisms.
Broad term(s): Anatomy
  - Medicine
Related term(s): Biochemistry
  - Body
  - Tissues
Use for: Cells
  - Organs

**Pilot projects**
Projects devised to serve as a tentative model for future development; includes pilot and feasibility studies.
Broad term(s): Programs
Related term(s): Feasibility studies
  - Model cities
  - Model programs
  - Program development
Use for: Demonstration programs
  - Models

**Placement**
Completion of individual client plan signified by client’s placement in a suitable job and by follow up for a period of time to determine that all needed services were provided, the job is suitable, client is satisfied, and client will have some job security; includes selective placement.

Related term(s): Accountability
  - Careers
  - Closure
  - Employment
  - Follow up
  - Job development
Outcomes
  - Post employment
Use for: Recruitment

**Planning**
Act or process of making or carrying out plans; includes establishment of goals, objectives, policies, and procedures.
Narrow term(s): Life care planning
  - Emergency preparedness
  - Family-centered care
Related term(s): Budget
  - Cost benefit analysis
  - Costs
  - Goal attainment scaling
  - Management
  - Marketing
  - Policy
  - Prediction
  - Problem solving
  - State plans
  - Systems analysis
Use for: Administration
  - Decision making

**Plastic surgery**
Surgery concerned with repair or restoration of missing, injured, or deformed parts of the body; includes restorative, reconstructive, and cosmetic surgery, skin grafts, and plastic surgeons.
Broad term(s): Surgery
Related term(s): Facial disfigurement

Play therapy
**Use term(s): Recreation and therapy**

**Policy**
Defined course or method of action selected from among alternatives; term added June 1989.
Related term(s): Planning
Use for: Decision making
  - Disability rights
Poliomyelitis
Acute viral disease characterized by fever, motor paralysis, and atrophy of skeletal muscles, often with permanent disability and deformity; includes post polio syndrome.
Broad term(s): Muscular impairments
Neurological disorders
Related term(s): Paralysis
Spinal cord
Use for: Postpolio

Political participation
Includes voting, volunteering in elections, and running for public office. Term added October 2005.
Broad term(s): Policy
Advocacy

Politics
Use term(s): Federal State relations

Positioning
Placing persons with disabilities in a specific position to ensure good circulation and so forth.
Related term(s): Posture

Positive behavioral support
Use term(s): Behavior modification
Incentives

Positive reinforcement
Use term(s): Behavior modification
Incentives

Post employment
Includes service delivery after an individual has been employed.
Related term(s): Employment
Follow up
Placement

Postacute care
Rehabilitation services designed to transition a patient from a rehabilitation facility to the community. Term added October 2005.
Broad term(s): Rehabilitation medicine
Medical treatment

Postpolio
Use term(s): Poliomyelitis

Postsecondary education
Includes colleges and universities, as well as professional education. Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Education
Narrow term(s): Universities

Posttraumatic stress disorders
Stress disorders resulting from trauma; term added June 1989.
Related term(s): Brain injuries
Mental stress
Spinal cord injuries

Posture
Carriage; way of bearing one’s body.
Related term(s): Positioning

Poverty
Related term(s): FDC
Homeless
Low income
Unemployment
Welfare
Use for: Disadvantaged
Public assistance

Powered wheelchairs
Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Devices
Wheelchairs
Related term(s): Wheelchair controls

PPO
Health care providers (usually hospitals and physicians) who agree to offer services for a negotiated, often discounted, fee.
Broad term(s): Managed care
Related term(s): Health care
HMO
Use for: Preferred providers organization
Prader-Willi Syndrome

Use term(s): Developmental disabilities
  Genetics

Prediction
Includes forecasting and estimating on the basis of observation, experimentation, or scientific reasoning; for predicting rehabilitation outcome, use PREDICTION and OUTCOME.
Related term(s): Planning
  Trends
Use for: Future
  Prognosis

Prevalence
Number of existing cases of a disease in a given population at a given time.
Broad term(s): Statistics
Related term(s): Demography
  Epidemiology
  Health statistics
  Incidence

Prevention
Hindering the occurrence of physical or mental disease or disability; includes service delivery steps to avert disease or disability, public awareness programs.
Related term(s): Case management
  Diagnosis
  Disability management
  Early intervention
  Health care
  Mental health
  Nutrition
  Physical fitness
Use for: Public health model
  Risk factors

Prevalence
Includes evaluation, training, and assessment prior to work or vocational training; includes prevocational training.
Related term(s): Vocational evaluation

Primary care
Use term(s): Health care
  Medical treatment

Print disabled
Use term(s): Reading skills

Prisons
Use term(s): Correctional

Private rehabilitation
Use term(s): Private sector rehabilitation

Private sector
Use term(s): Business
Private sector employment
Employment of disabled individuals in a competitive environment.
Broad term(s): Employment
Related term(s): Competitive employment
Projects with industry
Supported employment
Use for: Private sector

Private sector rehabilitation
Rehabilitation by or at privately owned and operated centers or facilities; if the document indicates “for profit” or “not for profit,” this information will go into the abstract.
Broad term(s): Rehabilitation
Related term(s): Consulting
Organizations
Rehabilitation facilities
Vocational rehabilitation
Use for: Private rehabilitation
Private sector

Problem behavior
Use term(s): Behavior problems

Problem solving
Management term; the process involved in the determination of the correct sequence of alternatives leading to a desired goal; abstract reasoning or computation.
Related term(s): Management
Needs assessment
Operations research
Planning
Systems analysis

Proceedings
Use term(s): Conference proceedings

Product design
Use term(s): Devices design
Engineering
Wheelchair design

Production
Use term(s): Employee productivity

Professional education
Education at the university level leading to a professional degree; generally graduate education.
Broad term(s): Education
Narrow term(s): Counselor education
Related term(s): Professional training
Schools
Training
Universities
Use for: Health education
Occupational information

Professional occupations
Careers for people who provide services to people with disabilities.
Related term(s): Careers
Continuing education
Counselor education
Counselor employment
Manpower

Professional training
Education for professionals in an informal setting.
Broad term(s): Education
Training
Related term(s): Careers
Continuing education
Counselor education
Professional education
Staff development
Training programs
Workshops
Use for: Occupational information

Professional workshops
Use term(s): Workshops

Professionals
Use only when specific profession is not mentioned or not a descriptor; note that terms for professionals are often subsumed within discipline term, for example, dentists are included in DENTISTRY.
Broad term(s): Personnel
Narrow term(s): Counselors
Physicians
Administrator
Prognosis

**Use term(s): Prediction**

**Program accessibility**
*Providing persons with disabilities access to activities and programs.*

Broad term(s): Accessibility

Related term(s): Access guides
- Accessibility legislation
- Architectural accessibility
- Programs
- Transportation accessibility

Use for: Barrier free

**Program development**
*Term added October 2005.*

Broad term(s): Programs

Related term(s): Model programs
- Pilot projects

**Program evaluation**
*Evaluation by specified set of criteria to measure effectiveness of agency or community programs or services.*

Broad term(s): Evaluation

Related term(s): Outcomes
- Programs
- Research

Use for: Quality of service

**Programmed instruction**
*Includes programmed learning; often presented via computer or video.*

Broad term(s): Instructional materials

Related term(s): Computer applications
- Computer-assisted instruction
- Learning
- Training materials

**Programs**

Narrow term(s): Client assistance programs
- Employment programs
- Model programs
- Pilot projects
- Program development

Related term(s): Program accessibility
- Program evaluation

**Projects with industry**
*Federal program authorized in 1968 to provide funding support to involve private sector representatives in the design, placement, and training for competitive employment of persons with disabilities.*

Broad term(s): Programs

Related term(s): Careers
- Private sector employment

**Prosthetics**
*Use of artificial materials to replace missing parts of the body; artificial limbs; includes prostheses and prosthetists.*

Broad term(s): Devices

Related term(s): Amputations
- Orthopedics
- Orthotics
- Rehabilitation engineering

**Prostitution**

**Use term(s): Public offenders**

**Psychiatric disabilities**
*Formerly MENTAL ILLNESS. Psychoses, mental or emotional disorders; broad term includes any disorder which affects the mind or behavior. Use narrower terms listed below when applicable.*

*Term added July 1998.*

Broad term(s): Disabilities

Narrow term(s): Anxiety disorders
- Autism
- Behavior disorders
- Depression
- Emotional disorders
- Schizophrenia

Related term(s): Behavior modification
- Emotions
- Psychiatric evaluation
Psychiatric evaluation
Evaluation by a psychiatrist to determine mental, emotional, or behavioral capabilities from a medical perspective. For evaluation of psychiatric disabilities from a non-medical perspective, use PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION.

Psychiatric rehabilitation
To assist persons with severe psychiatric disabilities to increase their functioning so that they are successful and satisfied in the environment of their choice with the least amount of ongoing professional intervention. Term added September 2005.

Psychiatry
Branch of medicine that deals with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders; includes psychiatrists, psychiatric treatment, and psychiatric rehabilitation.

Psychology
Science dealing with mental processes, both normal and abnormal, and their effects on behavior.
Counseling
Depression
Psychiatric disabilities
Psychiatry
Psychological aspects
Psychological tests
Psychosocial factors
Psychotherapy

Psychometrics
Use term(s): Psychological tests and factor analysis

Psychosis
Use term(s): Psychiatric disabilities

Psychosocial factors
Includes both psychological and social influences on an individual’s development.
Related term(s): Child development
Psychological aspects
Psychology
Social psychology
Use for: Quality of life

Psychotherapy
Treatment of mental or emotional disorders or of related bodily ills by psychological means; includes psychotherapists and psychoanalysts.
Broad term(s): Medical treatment
Therapy
Narrow term(s): Milieu therapy
Related term(s): Art therapy
Psychiatric evaluation
Psychology
Use for: Treatment

Public information
Use term(s): Public relations

Public offenders
Persons who have been convicted of criminal offenses; includes criminals and ex-offenders.
Related term(s): Correctional facilities
Crime prevention
Institutionalization
Juvenile delinquency
Law enforcement
Use for: Criminals
Offenders
Prostitution

Public relations
Often intended to change understanding, attitudes, and behavior; includes exhibits, public speaking, advertising, publicity, promotional material, commercials, public education, and awareness; excludes CONFERENCES and CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.
Related term(s): Advocacy
Management
Marketing
Radio
Television
Use for: Advertising
Public information

Public transportation
Publicly owned or publicly available transportation systems.
Broad term(s): Transportation
Related term(s): Air transportation
Rail transportation
Transportation accessibility
Travel

Pulmonary disorders
Use term(s): Respiratory disease

Pulmonary function
Related term(s): Cardiopulmonary function
Respiratory

Punishment
Use term(s): Behavior modification
Quadriparesis

**Use term(s): Quadriplegia**

Quadriplegia

*Paralysis of both arms and both legs; includes quadriplegics and quadriparesis.*

Broad term(s): Paralysis
Related term(s): Brain injuries
  - Hemophilia
  - Neurological disorders
  - Paraplegia
  - Spinal cord injuries
Use for: Quadriparesis

**Qualitative analysis**

*Analysis involving non-numeric factors; term added June 1989.*

Broad term(s): Research
Related term(s): Research methodology

Quality assurance

**Use term(s): Accountability**

Quality of life

*Term added September 2005.*

Related term(s): Self concept
Use for: Satisfaction

Quality of services

**Use term(s): Program evaluation**

Quantitative analysis

*Analysis involving numeric factors; term added June 1989.*

Broad term(s): Research
Related term(s): Research methodology

Statistics

**Questionnaires**

*Actual samples of questionnaire forms used in surveys; for other types of survey instruments, use SURVEY FORMS.*

Radio

*Includes ways to use the radio to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities.*

Broad term(s): Media
Related term(s): Public relations
  - Telecommunications
  - Television

Rail transportation

*Includes railroad transportation as a means of transport for persons with disabilities.*

Broad term(s): Transportation
Related term(s): Air transportation
  - Motor vehicles
  - Public transportation
  - Transportation accessibility
  - Travel

Range of motion

**Use term(s): Motor skills**

Rare disorders

*Term added in December 1994.*

Broad term(s): Disabilities
Related term(s): Genetics
**Reading skills**
Includes ways to develop the ability to read.
Related term(s): Learning
Use for: Literacy
  - Print disabilities
  - Speed reading

**Recipients**
Use term(s): Clients

**Recordkeeping**
Use term(s): Accounting
  - Client records
  - Information systems

**Recreation**
Includes activities, hobbies, games, play, and camping; for crafts, use ARTS.
Related term(s): Arts
  - Exercise
  - Leisure
  - Physical education
  - Physical fitness
  - Sports
  - Toys

**Recruitment**
Use term(s): Employment programs
  - Hiring practices
  - Placement

**Referral**
Includes the process of referring, an agency program which refers a person for services, an individual who seeks services; for information and referral, use INFORMATION REFERRAL.
Related term(s): Information referral
  - Social services

**Reform**
Any effort directed at changing or improving existing service-delivery systems, term added December 1994.
Related term(s): Health care
  - Service delivery
  - Special education
  - Welfare
Use for: Health care reform

Special education reform
Welfare reform

**Regional programs**
Use term(s): Programs and municipal/regional agencies

**Regulations**
Rules authorized by law; implementation of a law by an executive agency which has been assigned to enforce or interpret the law.
Related term(s): Legislation
Use for: Mandate

**Rehabilitation**
Restoration and retraining of persons with disabilities; process of reestablishing a person’s capability to participate in the activities of daily living such as communicating, working, and socializing; sometimes refers to activities for individuals who from birth have been physically or mentally impaired, though strictly speaking this is “habilitation;” use only for the rehabilitation process in general; use more specific terms when appropriate.
Narrow term(s): Case management
  - International rehabilitation
  - Private sector rehabilitation
  - Psychiatric rehabilitation
  - Telerehabilitation
  - Vocational rehabilitation
Related term(s): Disability management
  - Habilitation
  - Physical medicine
  - Psychiatry
  - Rehabilitation engineering
  - Rehabilitation facilities
  - Rehabilitation medicine
  - Rehabilitation research
  - Rehabilitation services
  - Rehabilitation technology

Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended
Use term(s): Section 502
  - Section 503
  - Section 504
  - Section 508
Rehabilitation costs
**Use term(s): Costs**
- Cost benefit analysis

Rehabilitation counselors
**Use term(s): Counselors**

**Rehabilitation engineering**
*Application of engineering to improve the quality of life of persons with physical disabilities through a total approach to rehabilitation combining medicine, engineering, and related sciences; includes rehabilitation engineers.*

- Broad term(s): Engineering
- Related term(s): Bioengineering
  - Devices design
  - Electrical stimulation
  - Orthotics
  - Prosthetics
  - Rehabilitation
  - Rehabilitation engineering centers
  - Rehabilitation services
  - Rehabilitation technology
  - Robotics

**Rehabilitation engineering centers**
*Centers federally funded through NIDRR (formerly NIHR) and RSA, established to develop innovative methods of applying advanced medical technology, scientific achievement, and psychosocial knowledge to resolve rehabilitation problems through efforts in planning, research, training, and service delivery; used on documents about REC facilities, including their annual and final reports, but not necessarily on everything they publish.*

- Broad term(s): Facilities
- Related term(s): Rehabilitation engineering
  - Rehabilitation facilities
  - Research and training centers

**Rehabilitation facilities**
*Organizations or centers which provide services designed to minimize the disabling effects of physical, mental, social, or vocational impairments, and to help individuals realize their potential.*

- Broad term(s): Facilities
- Narrow term(s): Acute care
  - Postacute care

**Rehabilitation medicine**
*Diagnosis and treatment of functional disorders; includes helping the patient adjust to the disability and helping to minimize the functional loss from a long term chronic condition.*

- Broad term(s): Medicine
- Narrow term(s): Acute care
  - Postacute care
- Subacute care
- Related term(s): Medical treatment
  - Physical medicine
  - Rehabilitation
  - Therapy
- Use for: Medical rehabilitation
  - Neurorehabilitation

**Rehabilitation research**
*Scholarly or scientific inquiry in the field of rehabilitation; use sparingly.*

- Broad term(s): Research
- Narrow term(s): Research training
- Related term(s): Rehabilitation
  - Research and training centers

**Rehabilitation services**
*Term added June 1989.*

- Related term(s): Case management
  - Employee assistance programs
  - Rehabilitation
  - Rehabilitation engineering
  - Service delivery
  - Telerehabilitation
  - Vocational rehabilitation

**Rehabilitation success**
*Includes discussion of how the rehabilitation process aids in successful placement or adjustment for persons with disabilities.*

- Related term(s): Employment success
  - Human interest
  - Outcomes
Vocational rehabilitation
Use for: Personal adjustment
Success

Rehabilitation technology
*Term added September 2005.*
Broad term(s): Rehabilitation Technology
Related term(s): Rehabilitation engineering

Rehabilitation workshops
**Use term(s): Sheltered workshops**

Reimbursement
**Use term(s): Costs**
**Funding**
**Insurance**

Reliability
**Use term(s): Research methodology**

Religion
*Study of religious practices, beliefs, values, and experiences; includes facilities.*
Related term(s): Philosophy
Use for: Churches
Clergy

Renal disorders
**Use term(s): End stage renal disease**
**Kidney disorders**
**Urinary disorders**

Repetitive strain injuries
*Neuromuscular disorders caused by repeated trauma to a nerve or joint. Term added July 1998.*
Broad term(s): Neurological disorders
Narrow term(s): Carpal tunnel syndrome
Related term(s): Ergonomics
Occupational injuries
Use for: Cumulative stress disorders
Repetitive stress disorders
RSI

Repetitive stress disorders
**Use term(s): Repetitive strain injuries**

Report writing
**Use term(s): Technical writing**

Reproductive health
*Physical and medical concerns associated with reproductive systems, fertility, etc. For emotional and psychological aspects of sexuality and sexual performance, use SEXUALITY.*
Narrow term(s): Pregnancy
Sexually transmitted diseases
Related term(s): Sexuality
Use for: Fertility
Infertility

Research
*Scientific and diligent study, investigation, or experimentation to establish facts and analyze their significance; use more specific terms listed below under Narrow terms.*
Narrow term(s): Animal studies
Fieldwork
Medical research
Operations research
Qualitative analysis
Quantitative analysis
Rehabilitation research
Research training
Participatory action research
Capacity building
Related term(s): Program evaluation
Research methodology
Research utilization

Research methodology
*Defined set of principles and procedures used in research.*
Related term(s): Interview techniques
Longitudinal studies
National surveys
Needs assessment
Qualitative analysis
Quantitative analysis
Questionnaires
Research
Surveys
Use for: Methodology
Reliability
Validity
**Research reviews**  
*Extensive reviews of actual research performed in the field of rehabilitation.*  
Related term(s): Literature reviews  
State of the art reviews  
Use for: Reviews

**Research and training centers**  
*Centers federally funded through NIDRR (formerly NIHR) and RSA to conduct research on and provide training in various rehabilitation topics.*  
Broad term(s): Facilities  
Related term(s): Rehabilitation engineering centers  
  Rehabilitation research  
  Research training

**Research training**  
*Training current and/or future researchers in research design and methodology, and the analysis and application of research findings. Term added September 2005.*  
Broad term(s): Rehabilitation research  
  Research  
Related term(s): Research and training centers

**Research utilization**  
*Dissemination and use of research findings; includes change agents.*  
Narrow term(s): Dissemination  
Related term(s): Research  
  Technology  
  Technology transfer  
Use for: Change agents  
  Information dissemination  
  Knowledge utilization  
  Utilization

**Residential living**  
*Often replaced by INDEPENDENT LIVING, frequently used in literature on mental retardation; use if document indicates.*  
Related term(s): Community living  
  Day care  
  Deinstitutionalization  
  Facilities  
  Foster care  
  Group homes  
  Halfway houses  
  Housing  
  Independent living  
  Living facilities  
  Nursing homes

**Residential programs**  
**Use term(s):** Community living  
  Developmental disabilities

**Residual vision**  
**Use term(s):** Low vision

**Respiratory disease**  
*Use when document describes several diseases, or respiratory disease in general; use more specific term listed below under Narrow term when appropriate.*  
Narrow term(s): Asthma  
  COPD  
  Emphysema  
  Tuberculosis  
Related term(s): Allergies  
  Cardiopulmonary function  
  Chronic illness  
  Disabilities  
  Pulmonary function  
  Ventilator dependence  
Use for: Breathing  
  Lung diseases  
  Pulmonary disorders

**Respite care**  
*System which provides temporary relief for families or caregivers of persons with disabilities.*  
Related term(s): Attendant care  
  Child care  
  Day care

**Responsibility**  
**Use term(s):** Accountability

**Retirement**  
*Withdrawal from work or business activity; includes planning for retirement.*  
Related term(s): Aging  
  Employment  
  Older adults  
  Older workers
Retraining
Process of training a disabled worker in a new skill when the worker is unable to return to the former job.
Broad term(s): Education
Training
Related term(s): Employment
Employment reentry

Return-to-work
Use term(s): Employment reentry

Reviews
Use term(s): Literature reviews
   Research reviews
   State of the art reviews

Rheumatic diseases
Use term(s): Arthritis

Risk adjustment
Term added October 2005.
Broad term(s): Managed care

Risk factors
Use term(s): Prevention

Robotics
Branch of engineering and computer science involved in the design, development, and implementation of robots; used to indicate the use of robotics to improve the lives of persons with disabilities.
Related term(s): Computer applications
   Computers
   Controls
   Cybernetics
   Devices
   Rehabilitation engineering

Role playing
Use term(s): Modeling

Roles
Use term(s): Behavior modification
   Modeling
   Self concept

RSI
Use term(s): Repetitive strain injuries

Rubella
German measles; may result in congenital defects of infants born to mothers who were infected during the early months of pregnancy.
Related term(s): Congenital disorders
   Infections

Rural
Use term(s): Rural services

Rural services
Includes rehabilitation services provided to individuals who reside in a country setting; term added April 1988.
Related term(s): Migrants
Use for: Rural
   Underserved populations

Safety
Includes awareness of hazards for persons with disabilities and development of physical settings, training, and knowledge to help them function successfully in the presence of hazards.
Related term(s): Crime prevention
   Emergency preparedness
   Mobility aids
   Occupational injuries
Use for: Accident prevention

Salary
Use term(s): Income

Sandwich generation
Use term(s): Caregivers
Scales
Use term(s): Classification systems Evaluation
Goal attainment scaling Measurements Tests

Schizophrenia
Includes schizophrenics and the treatment of schizophrenia.
Broad term(s): Psychiatric disabilities
Use for: Personality disorders

School-to-work transition
Use term(s): Work transition

Schools
Includes elementary, secondary, public, private, and vocational schools; for post secondary education, use UNIVERSITIES, POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION or PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.
Related term(s): Education
  Postsecondary education
  Preschool
  Professional education
  Students
  Teachers
  Training
  Universities
  Work study programs
Use for: Elementary schools

Scoliosis
Abnormal lateral curvature of the spine.
Broad term(s): Congenital disorders
  Musculoskeletal disorders
Related term(s): Back
  Spinal cord
  Spine

Seating
Includes seating systems, cushions, therapeutic seats, and car seats.
Broad term(s): Devices
Related term(s): Mobility aids
  Wheelchairs

Secondary conditions
Those physical, medical, cognitive, emotional, or psychosocial consequences to which persons with disabilities are more susceptible by virtue of an underlying condition, including adverse outcomes in health, wellness, participation, and quality of life (Hough, 1999, p. 186). Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
Related term(s): Disability management

Section 502
Section of the Act mandating all federally funded buildings being constructed after 1968 to meet minimum federal accessibility standards; includes federally owned, occupied, or leased buildings.
Broad term(s): Legislation
Use for: Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended

Section 503
Section of the Act mandating that employers with federal contracts or subcontracts of $2500 or more must hire, promote, and actively recruit persons with disabilities; affirmative action.
Broad term(s): Legislation
Related term(s): Affirmative action
Use for: Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended

Section 504
Section of the Act mandating that recipients of federal assistance, such as hospitals and universities, must not discriminate against disabled workers in employment or promotion; intended to eliminate discrimination based on disability.
Broad term(s): Legislation
Related term(s): Accessibility legislation
  Affirmative
Use for: Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended

Section 508
Section of the Act mandating that federal employees with disabilities have equal access to data and information systems through the use of appropriate assistive technologies; term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Legislation
Related term(s): Accessibility legislation
Use for: Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended
Selective Service

**Use term(s): Military**

**Self care**
_Ability of persons with disabilities to administer medication such as insulin shots or to use special techniques related to the disability without having special attendants or nursing help._

Related term(s): Daily living
- Independent living
- Self help

**Self concept**
_Include the way individuals see themselves; self image; self esteem; ego._

Broad term(s): Personality
Related term(s): Attitudes
- Attitudinal barriers
- Behavior
- Group behavior
- Leadership
- Modeling
- Motivation
- Peer counseling
- Perception
- Quality of life
- Sexuality

Use for: Body image
- Disabled persons attitudes
- Roles
- Self esteem

Self determination

**Use term(s): Empowerment**
- Independent living
- Self help

**Self employment**
_Includes home based employment, self employed at home or in a business setting._

Broad term(s): Employment

Self esteem

**Use term(s): Self concept**

**Self help**
_Include self help peer groups._

Related term(s): Advocacy

**Daily living**
- Independent living
- Peer counseling
- Self care

Use for: Mutual help
- Self determination
- Support groups
- Support

**Self inflicted injuries**
_Term added June 1989._

Broad term(s): Injuries
Related term(s): Suicide

Seminars

**Use term(s): Conferences**
- Workshops

Senior citizens

**Use term(s): Older adults**

**Sensory aids**
_Mechanical or electronic devices that improve or substitute for one or more senses such as hearing, sight, taste, or touch._

Broad term(s): Assistive technology
- Devices

Narrow term(s): Hearing aids
- Braille
- Communication devices
- Tactile systems

Related term(s): Daily living
- Hearing impairments
- Visual impairments
- Sensory impairments

Use for: Amplification systems

**Sensory impairments**
_Includes blindness and visual impairments, hearing impairments, and impairments related to smell, taste, and touch._
_Term added August 2005._

Narrow term(s): Blindness
- Visual impairments
- Deaf
- Hearing Impairments
- Deaf blind

Related term(s): Sensory aids
Separation anxiety disorders
Use term(s): Anxiety disorders

Service animals
Use term(s): Animals

Service delivery
Includes the process of delivering services to clients, and methods for identifying available resources to help individuals.
Narrow term(s): Community-based services
  IEP
  IWRP
  Family-centered care
  Payment systems
  Telesharehabilitation
Related term(s): Accountability
  Case management
  Goal attainment scaling
  Managed care
  Rehabilitation services
  Service integration
  Social services
Use for: Service plans
  Underserved populations

Service integration
Process of bringing together all necessary resources in the appropriate order to accomplish a given objective; involves initiating, sustaining, and interrelating the various resources.
Narrow term(s): IEP
  IWRP
  Family-centered care
Related term(s): Case management
  Interagency cooperation
  Service delivery
  Teamwork
Use for: Cooperation
  Coordination of services
  Service plans

Use term(s): Service delivery
Use term(s): Service integration

Severely disabled
Use term(s): Severe disabilities

Severe disabilities
Formerly SEVERELY DISABLED. Major physical or mental disabilities which seriously limit functional capacity, and which require multiple services over an extended period of time; see specific disabilities under DISABILITIES.
Broad term(s): Disabilities
Related term(s): Developmental disabilities
  Multiple disabilities
  Physical disabilities
Use for: Severely disabled
  Severely handicapped

Severely handicapped
Use term(s): Severe disabilities

Sexual abuse
Use term(s): Abuse

Sexuality
Includes sexual response, sex counseling, sexual techniques, and sexual needs.
Narrow term(s): Homosexuality
Related term(s): Divorce
  Family life
  Females
  Interpersonal relations
  Males
  Marriage
  Pregnancy
  Reproductive health
  Self concept

Sexually transmitted diseases
Term added June 1989.
Broad term(s): Reproductive health
Related term(s): HIV
Use for: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
  AIDS

Shaking palsy
Use term(s): Parkinson disease

Sheltered workshops
Places of remunerative employment under conditions without the demands of regular competitive employment for those who cannot readily be ab-
sorbed into the labor market.
Broad term(s): Rehabilitation facilities
Related term(s): Employment
Supported employment
Use for: Rehabilitation workshops
Short term training
Use term(s): Training programs

Shoulder
Use term(s): Joints

Siblings
Related term(s): Caregivers
   Children
   Family life
   Infants
   Parents
   Youth
Use for: Brothers
   Sisters

Sickle cell anemia
Inherited condition caused by abnormal, sickle shaped blood cells
Broad term(s): Anemia
   Blood disorders
Related term(s): African Americans
   Genetics
Use for: Sicklemia

Sicklemia
Use term(s): Sickle cell anemia

Sign language
A language that uses a system of visual hand gestures, facial expressions, and other body movements as the means of communication, especially among deaf people. Term added September 2005.
Broad term(s): Language
Narrow term(s): American Sign Language
   Communication skills

Signage
Use term(s): Architectural accessibility
   Braille
   Tactile systems

Similar benefits
To maximize total vocational rehabilitation services available to persons with disabilities by having VR clients seek and obtain other resources to which they are entitled before spending VR agency funds; consideration of alternative funding resources prior to spending VR funds to purchase specific client services.
Related term(s): Disability determination
   Funding

Sisters
Use term(s): Siblings

Skin disorders
Use more specific terms listed below under Narrow term when applicable.
Narrow term(s): Burns
   Pressure sores
Related term(s): Allergies
Use for: Dermatology

SLE (Systemic Lupus Erythematosis)
Use term(s): Lupus

Sleep apnea
Use term(s): Sleep disorders

Sleep deprivation
Use term(s): Sleep disorders

Sleep disorders
Problems affecting an individual’s ability to sleep resulting in poor-quality sleep or sleep deprivation, term added December 1994.
Related term(s): Neurological disorders
   Psychological aspects
Use for: Insomnia
   Narcolepsy
   Sleep apnea
   Sleep deprivation

Slide tape
Use term(s): Audiovisual materials

Social adjustment
Use term(s): Adjustment
Social casework

**Use term(s): Social work**

Social interactions

**Use term(s): Interpersonal relations**

**Social psychology**

*Study of the manner in which the personality, attitudes, motivations, and behavior of an individual influences and is influenced by a social group.*

Broad term(s): Psychology

- Social sciences

Related term(s): Psychosocial factors

**Social sciences**

*Disciplines dealing with the institutions and functioning of human society, and with the interpersonal relationships of individual members of society.*

Narrow term(s): Economics

- Psychology
- Social psychology
- Urban studies

Related term(s): Social work

Use for: Sociology

**Social security**

*Federal Government system providing people with economic assistance for unemployment, disability, or old age.*

Narrow term(s): SSDI

Related term(s): Federal agencies

- Insurance
- OASDI
- OASI

Social Security Disability Insurance

**Use term(s): SSDI**

**Social services**

*Activities designed to promote the social well-being of a person.*

Related term(s): Community resources

- Interagency cooperation
- Referral
- Service delivery
- Social work

Use for: Human services

**Social skills**

*Related term(s): Daily living

- Interpersonal relations

**Social work**

*Includes social workers.*

Narrow term(s): Case management

Related term(s): Counseling

- Social sciences
- Social services

Use for: Social casework

**Sociology**

**Use term(s): Social sciences**

Spanish-speaking Americans

**Use term(s): Hispanic Americans**

**Spasticity**

*Related to or characterized by involuntary muscular contractions.*

Broad term(s): Body movement

- Muscular impairments

Related term(s): Cerebral palsy

- Equilibrium
- Paralysis
- Parkinson disease

**Special education**

*Includes techniques for teaching, program development, curriculum, special educators, and teachers for special populations.*

Broad term(s): Education

Related term(s): Gifted children

- IEP
- Inclusion
- Reform
- Teachers
- Teaching
- Vocational education

Special education reform

**Use term(s): Reform**

**Speech**

*Expression of thoughts in spoken words.*

Broad term(s): Communication
Narrow term(s): Augmentative and alternative communication
Speech synthesis
Related term(s): Aphasia
Language
Language learning
Speech impairments
Speech

**Speech impairments**
Disorders that prevent the development of speech and affect the verbal expression of thought.

Broad term(s): Disabilities
Language disorders
Narrow term(s): Aphasia
Stuttering
Related term(s): Cleft palate
Communication skills
Dental problems
Hearing impairments
Language
Language learning
Laryngectomy
Speech
Speech therapy
Use for: Communication disorders
Non vocal

**Speech synthesis**
Speech output by computer or other artificial means. Term added September 2005.

Broad term(s): Communication
Computers
Speech
Related term(s): Communication devices

**Speech therapy**
Treatment that develops and improves articulation, language, and nonverbal communication skills to correct speech disorders; includes speech therapists.

Broad term(s): Therapy
Related term(s): Aphasia
Communication skills
Language learning
Occupational therapy
Physical therapy
Speech

Speech impairments
Use for: Speech training

Speech training
**Use term(s): Speech therapy**

Speed reading
**Use term(s): Reading skills**

**Spina bifida**
Congenital disorder of the spine affecting the central nervous system.

Broad term(s): Congenital disorders
Neurological disorders
Related term(s): Paralysis
Spinal cord
Spine

**Spinal cord**

Broad term(s): Anatomy
Body
Nervous system
Related term(s): Poliomyelitis
Scoliosis
Spina bifida
Spinal cord injuries
Spine

**Spinal cord injuries**
Injuries to the spinal cord resulting in paralysis or partial paralysis; for congenital disorders of the spine, use CONGENITAL DISORDERS and term for the specific condition, such as SCOLIOSIS.

Broad term(s): Disabilities
Injuries
Related term(s): Back
Back pain
Hemiplegia
Neurological disorders
Paralysis
Paraplegia
Posttraumatic stress disorders
Quadriplegia
Spinal cord
Spine
Use for: Back injuries
Trauma
Spine
Broad term(s): Anatomy
  Back
  Body
Related term(s): Back pain
  Scoliosis
  Spina bifida
  Spinal cord
  Spinal cord injuries
Use for: Back injuries

Sports
Related term(s): Exercise
  Leisure
  Physical education
  Physical fitness
  Recreation

Spouses
Issues related to either partner in a marriage, term added December 1994.
Related term(s): Caregivers
  Family life
  Marriage
Use for: Husbands
  Wives

SSDI
Disability insurance program funded by moneys paid into the Social Security System while employed.
Broad term(s): Insurance
  Social security
Related term(s): Disability
Use for: Social security disability

SSI
Public assistance payments to people who are 65 years of age or older, blind or disabled; moneys coming from US Treasury, not Social Security funds.
Broad term(s): Insurance
Related term(s): Disability
Use for: Supplemental security income

Staff development
Planned training activities to help personnel update and improve professional skills; includes those professionals involved in planning and carrying out these activities.
Related term(s): Conferences
  Continuing education
  Personnel
  Professional training
  Training
  Workshops

Standards
Narrow term(s): Facilities standards
  Performance standards
Related term(s): Accreditation
  Certification
  Evaluation
Use for: Codes

State agencies
Includes rehabilitation agencies.
Broad term(s): Organizations
  State governments
Related term(s): Client assistance programs
  Community resources
  Federal agencies
  Federal State relations
  Interagency relations
  Municipal/regional agencies
  State plans
  Technology assistance programs
Use for: Agencies
  Civil service
  Government

State of the art reviews
Overviews with extensive information on the current state of rehabilitation related topics.
Broad term(s): Information resources
Related term(s): Literature reviews
  Research reviews
  Trends
Use for: Overview
  Reviews

State Federal relations
Use term(s): Federal State relations

State governments
Includes state legislatures and governors.
State plans
Outline by a state of its proposed activities, policies, and funding patterns for any programs which it will conduct in cooperation with the Federal Government under a federal statute.

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Statistics
Includes statistical analysis, theory, methodology; also used when a document contains a large amount of statistical data.

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Stoma
Artificially created, permanent opening between two body cavities or passages, or between a cavity or passage and the body surface.

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Stuttering
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Subacute care
Rehabilitation services that include daily nursing services, supervision by a rehabilitation doctor, and medical care as needed. Term added September 2005.

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Substance abuse
Disease or disorder characterized by obsessive-compulsive thinking and continued and repeated
use of a substance—despite recurring negative consequences resulting from its use, term added December 1994.

Broad term(s): Abuse
Narrow term(s): Alcoholism
Related term(s): HIV
Use for: Addiction
   Cocaine
   Drug abuse

Subtitles
Use term(s): Captioning

Success
Use term(s): Employment success
   Rehabilitation success

Suicide
Includes suicidal tendencies and discussions of suicide.
Related term(s): Death
   Self inflicted injuries

Supervisors
Individuals with low level management responsibilities.
Broad term(s): Personnel
Related term(s): Administrators
   Business
   Management

Supplemental Security Income
Use term(s): SSI

Support groups
Use term(s): Self help

Support system
Use term(s): Community resources
   Self help

Supported employment
Competitive employment in an integrated setting for those persons with severe disabilities who require ongoing support in order to perform their jobs, as defined by the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1986; limited to those for whom competitive employment has not previously been considered an option.

Broad term(s): Employment
   Employment
Related term(s): Competitive employment
   Private sector employment
   Sheltered workshops

Surgery
Includes the study of surgery, surgical procedures, and surgeons.

Broad term(s): Medical treatment
   Medicine
Narrow term(s): Amputations
   Laryngectomy
   Ostomy
   Plastic surgery
Related term(s): Health care
   Implants
   Stoma
Use for: Treatment

Survey forms
Actual copies of forms used in surveys.

Narrow term(s): Questionnaires
Related term(s): Census
   Interview techniques
   National surveys
   Questionnaires
   Surveys
Use for: Checklists
   Instruments
   Inventories

Surveys
Includes materials dealing with a particular topic in a comprehensive way; for survey instruments, use SURVEY FORMS or QUESTIONNAIRES.

Broad term(s): Evaluation techniques
   Research methodology
Narrow term(s): National surveys
Related term(s): Census
   Demographics
   Interview techniques
   Questionnaires
   Statistics
   Survey forms
Swallowing disorders
Disorders affecting the functional structures involved in chewing and swallowing of food, term added December 1994.
Related term(s): Feeding
Use for: Dysphagia
Oral-motor deficits

Switches
Use term(s): Controls

System of care
Use term(s): Health care
Managed care
Holism

Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
Use term(s): Lupus

Systems analysis
Study of an activity to define goals and identify more effective procedures.
Related term(s): Computer applications
Management
Operations research
Planning
Problem solving
Systems change

Systems change
Systems change is the permanent change to policies, practices, and decisions in the public and/or private sector that control resources necessary to enhance integration, inclusion, and independence of people with disabilities as a group. Term added September 2005.
Related term(s): Systems analysis

Tactile systems
Utilization of the sense of touch as a sensory mode; includes tactile discrimination and tactile materials.
Broad term(s): Devices
Sensory aids
Narrow term(s): Braille
Use for: Signage

Task analysis
Examination and division of work into its major parts.
Broad term(s): Evaluation
Related term(s): Functional evaluation
Management
Use for: Functional capacity
Performance evaluation

Taxes
Charges levied by governments against income of individuals, corporations, or other profit making centers.
Related term(s): Business
Employment

TDD
Broad term(s): Communication devices
Devices
Related term(s): Hearing aids
Hearing impairments
Telecommunications
Telephones
Use for: Telecommunications device for deaf communication
TTY

Teachers
Professionals usually hired by a school to teach; includes teachers from preschool through postsecondary education, and tutors.
Broad term(s): Personnel
Related term(s): Certification
Education
Learning
Schools
Special education
Students

Tables
Use term(s): Statistics
Teaching

Broad term; process of educating at all school levels; use more specific terms when applicable.
Related term(s): Education
  Special education
  Teachers

Teamwork

Includes use of different types of professionals (interdisciplinary approach) in the rehabilitation process; team approach.
Related term(s): Counseling techniques
  Interagency cooperation
  Interdisciplinary activities
  Service

Technical assistance

Professional or management advice and training provided by local or external specialists. Term added September 2005.
Related term(s): Consulting

Technical writing

Includes instruction on writing reports, proposals, and so forth.
Use for: Report writing

Technology

Broad term; processes of developing equipment, new products, and technological change.
Narrow term(s): Accessible media
  Assistive technology
  Devices
  Engineering
  Medical technology
  Rehabilitation technology
  Technology development
Related term(s): Orthotics
  Research utilization
  Technology transfer

Technology assistance programs

State programs assisting persons with disabilities to identify and obtain assistive technologies; term added June 1989.

Broad term(s): Assistive technology
  Programs
Related term(s): Client assistance programs
  State agencies
  Technology development
  Vocational rehabilitation

Technology development

Creation and development of technology designed to facilitate the functioning of people with disabilities. For material addressing aspects and applications of disability-related technology, use ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY. For general technological improvements not related to disability, use TECHNOLOGY.
Related term(s): Assistive technology
  Devices design
  Engineering
  Medical technology
  Technology assistance

Technology transfer

Application of technology from one field to another.
Related term(s): Medical technology
  Research utilization
  Technology
  Technology development

Telecommunications

Includes teleconferencing, satellites, telefacsimile transmission.
Broad term(s): Communication
Related term(s): Audiovisual materials
  Computers
  Devices
  Electronics
  Internet
  Radio
  TDD
  Telephones
  Television

Telecommunications Device for Deaf

Use term(s): TDD
**Telephones**
*Includes teaching of telephone skills; for amplification devices, use TELEPHONES and SENSORY AIDS.*
Broad term(s): Communication devices
Devices
Related term(s): TDD
Telecommunications

**Telerehabilitation**
*Methods, systems, and technologies that support remote delivery of rehabilitation and home health care services for individuals who have limited local access to comprehensive medical rehabilitation outpatient and community-based services.*
*Term added August 2005.*
Broad term(s): Rehabilitation
Service Delivery
Related term(s): Rehabilitation services

**Television**
*Electronic system of transmission and reception of transient images, usually accompanied by sound; includes television receivers and televising.*
Broad term(s): Media
Narrow term(s): Accessible media
Related term(s): Audiovisual materials
Captioning
Public relations
Radio
Telecommunications

**Terminal illness**
Related term(s): Chronic illness
Death
Grief
Hospices
Hospitals
Pain

**Testimony**
Related term(s): Court cases
Legal concerns
Life care planning
Use for: Expert witness

**Tests**
*Bases or procedures for evaluation; includes questions or exercises measuring knowledge, skill, intelligence, capabilities, aptitudes, and so forth, of an individual or group.*
Narrow term(s): Intelligence tests
Psychological tests
Related term(s): Audiometry
Diagnosis
Evaluation
Evaluation techniques
Goal attainment scaling
Use for: Assessment
Checklists
Instruments
Inventories
Scales

**Therapeutic training**
*Client training, training persons with disabilities; usually in a hospital, clinic, or other rehabilitation setting.*
Broad term(s): Education
Training
Related term(s): Clients
Patient education
Vocational training
Use for: Client training
Patient training

**Therapy**
*Broad term; includes therapists; use only when more specific terms listed below under Narrow term are not applicable.*
Narrow term(s): Art therapy
Bibliotherapy
Chemotherapy
Dance therapy
Milieu therapy
Music therapy
Occupational therapy
Physical therapy
Psychotherapy
Speech therapy
Related term(s): Arts
Counseling
Medical personnel
Medical treatment
Time management
Includes study of how work is done, how to manage activities in order to meet deadlines or program activities.
Broad term(s): Management
Related term(s): Caseload management
   Employment

Tinnitus
Use term(s): Hearing impairments

Tissues
Groups of cells that are similar in form or function.
Broad term(s): Body
Related term(s): Pressure sores
   Physiology

Toilet room
Use term(s): Bathrooms

Toileting
Use term(s): Bladder function
   Bowel function
   Daily living

Toxicology
Use term(s): Pharmacology

Toys
Related term(s): Children
   Infants
   Recreation

Training
Programs of instruction and planned activities designed to induce learning outside the usual academic setting, not in schools; for personnel training, use CONTINUING EDUCATION or STAFF DEVELOPMENT.
Narrow term(s): Mobility training
   On the job training
   Professional training
   Retraining
   Therapeutic training
   Vocational training
   Capacity building
Related term(s): Continuing education

Education
Instructional materials
Job training techniques
Professional education
Schools
Staff development
Training materials
Training programs
Work study programs
Workshops

Training materials
Materials used for training outside of the usual academic setting, not in schools.
Broad term(s): Instructional materials
Related term(s): Curriculum
   Handbooks
   Instructional methods
   Programmed instruction
   Training
   Vocational training
Use for: Guides

Training programs
Includes descriptions of specific programs or procedures used by institutions or organizations.
Broad term(s): Programs
Related term(s): Careers
   Instructional methods
   Professional training
   Training
   Vocational training
Use for: Inservice training
   Short term training

Transition
Use term(s): Work transition

Transition
Term added August 2005.
Broad term(s): Independent living
   Community living
Related term(s): Work transition
   Inclusion

Transitional employment
Use term(s): Work transition
Transplants

Use term(s): Implants

Transportation

Use term(s): Medical treatment
Psychotherapy
Surgery

Use term(s): Advocacy and medical treatment

Trends
Forecasting techniques, general tendency or movement in an area.

Use for: Future

TTY
Use term(s): TDD

Tuberculosis
Infectious disease most commonly affecting the respiratory system.

Use for: ADAAG

Trauma

Use term(s): Amputations
Brain injuries
Burns
Spinal cord injuries

Use term(s): Cancer

Typing
Any activity that utilizes a letter keyboard to transmit information, including typewriters, work processors, text messengers, etc.

Use for: Future

Underemployment
Individuals working at jobs below levels they are trained or experienced to handle; total skills are not tapped.

Use for: ADAAG

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Use for: ADAAG

Use term(s): Employment
Underserved populations

**Use term(s): Diversity**
- Ethnic groups
- Rural services
- Service delivery
- Urban studies

**Unemployment**
*Condition of not being employed.*
Antonym: Employment
Related term(s): AFDC
- Poverty
- Welfare
- Workers compensation

**Unions**
*Worker organizations formed to advance their member interests with respect to working conditions, wages, and benefits.*
Broad term(s): Organizations
Related term(s): Business
- Employment
Use for: Labor unions

**Universal design**
*Design of facilities, furniture, and equipment both indoors and outdoors to allow barrier free access by all people, including those with disabilities. Also refers to products design, web design, curriculum design. Term added July 1998.*
Broad term(s): Accessibility
Related term(s): Architectural accessibility
- Bathrooms
- Facilities
- Furniture
- Home modification
- Housing
Use for: Barrier free design
- Usability
- Visitability

**Universities**
*Centers of higher learning; includes community colleges and junior colleges through professional and medical schools.*
Broad term(s): Postsecondary education
Related term(s): Education
- Professional education

**Schools**
- Students
- Teachers
- Work study programs
Use for: Colleges

**Upper extremities**

**Use term(s): Limbs**

**Urban studies**
*Used for urbanization and its effects on environment or people; includes urban planning, urban renewal, and urban development.*
Broad term(s): Social sciences
Related term(s): Model cities
- Rural services
Use for: Underserved populations

**Ureterostomy**

**Use term(s): Ostomy**

**Urinary disorders**
*Includes bladder and urinary tract disorders and diseases.*
Narrow term(s): End stage renal disease
- Kidney disorders
Related term(s): Bladder function
- Bowel function
- Catheterization
- Incontinence
Use for: Bladder
- Renal disorders

**Usability**

**Use term(s): Universal design**

**Utilization**

**Use term(s): Research utilization**
Validity

**Use term(s):** Research methodology

Ventilator dependence

Reliance on a ventilator or other mechanical device for respiration. Term added August 2005.

Related term(s): Respirator diseases

Verbal abuse

**Use term(s):** Abuse

Veterans

Former members of the armed forces, includes veterans' benefits.

Related term(s): Military

Video cassette

**Use term(s):** Audiovisual materials

Video tape

**Use term(s):** Audiovisual materials

**Violence**

Includes acts of violent behavior as well as discussions of societal violence, etc. For systematic mental and/or physical harm inflicted on a person, use ABUSE or CHILD ABUSE. Term added July 1998.

Related term(s): Abuse
  - Behavior disorders
  - Behavior problems
  - Child abuse

Use for: Domestic violence

Viral infections

**Use term(s):** Infections

Vision

**Broad term:** deals with the faculty of sight.

**Narrow term(s):** Low vision

Related term(s): Visual impairments

Vision loss

**Use term(s):** Blindness

**Visual impairments**

**Visitation**

**Use term(s):** Universal design

**Visual impairments**

**Broad term(s):** Disabilities
  - Sensory impairments

**Narrow term(s):** Blindness
  - Deaf blind
  - Low vision

Related term(s): Braille
  - Communication devices
  - Mobility training
  - Sensory aids
  - Vision

Vocational adjustment

**Use term(s):** Work adjustment

Vocational assessment

**Use term(s):** Vocational evaluation

Vocational counseling

**Use term(s):** Counseling

Vocational education

Vocational training in a formal school setting; grades K-12.

**Broad term(s):** Education

Related term(s): Employment
  - Special education
  - Vocational evaluation
  - Vocational rehabilitation

**Vocational evaluation**

Comprehensive process designed to assist individuals in vocational development by systematically utilizing work as the focal point for assessment and vocational exploration.

**Broad term(s):** Evaluation

**Related term(s):** Careers
  - Employment
  - Evaluation techniques
  - Functional evaluation
  - Job descriptions
Medical evaluation
Prevocational services
Psychological tests
Psychiatric evaluation
Vocational education
Vocational rehabilitation
Vocational training
Work adjustment
Work samples
Use for: Client evaluation
Performance evaluation
Vocational assessment
Work evaluation

Vocational potential
**Use term(s): Employability**

**Vocational rehabilitation**
Provision of coordinated services appropriate to the needs of persons with disabilities, and designed to achieve objectives directed toward the realization of the individuals’ maximum vocational potentials; use only for the vocational rehabilitation process in general, otherwise use more particular terms such as COUNSELING, EVALUATION, or PLACEMENT.

Broad term(s): Programs
Rehabilitation

Related term(s): Client assistance programs
Employment success
Private sector rehabilitation
Rehabilitation services
Rehabilitation success
Technology assistance programs
Vocational education
Vocational evaluation
Vocational training

**Vocational training**
Includes job skills training for persons with disabilities.

Broad term(s): Education
Training

Related term(s): Careers
Employment
Instructional materials
Job training techniques
Therapeutic training
Training materials

Use for: Occupational training

**Volunteers**
*Persons who enter into or offer services willingly, without monetary compensation.*

Broad term(s): Personnel
Related term(s): Leisure
Manpower
Paraprofessionals

**W**

**Wages**
**Use term(s): Income**

Web sites
**Use term(s): Internet**

**Welfare**
Related term(s): AFDC
Income
Insurance
Low income
Poverty
Reform
Unemployment

Use for: Public assistance

**Welfare reform**
**Use term(s): Reform**

**Wellness**
**Use term(s): Health promotion**

**Wheelchair controls**
Broad term(s): Controls
Related term(s): Wheelchairs
Powered wheelchairs
Wheelchair design
Broad term(s): Devices design
Related term(s): Wheelchairs
Use for: Product design

Wheelchair maintenance
*Includes repair and life expectancy of wheelchairs.*
Related term(s): Wheelchairs

Wheelchairs
Broad term(s): Devices
   Mobility aids
Narrow term(s): Powered wheelchairs
Related term(s): Ambulation
   Mobility
   Seating
   Transportation
   Wheelchair controls
   Wheelchair design
   Wheelchair maintenance
Use for: Locomotion

Wives
*Use term(s): Spouses*

Women
*Use term(s): Females*

Work
*Use term(s): Employment*

Work adaptation
*Use term(s): Accommodation
   Job modification*

Work adjustment
*Includes programs or training designed to help persons with disabilities form a work personality that will help them increase their productivity and handle the day-to-day demands of competitive employment by developing self-confidence, self-control, work tolerance, ability to handle interpersonal relationships, and an understanding of work; includes job adjustment and on-the-job work behavior.*
Broad term(s): Adjustment

Narrow term(s): Work hardening
Related term(s): Employment
   Vocational evaluation
   Vocational training
   Work attitudes
   Work environment
Use for: Personal adjustment
   Vocational adjustment
   Work evaluation

Work attitudes
*Attitudes of persons with disabilities toward work; includes programs to achieve better work attitudes on the part of clients.*
Broad term(s): Attitudes
Related term(s): Employer attitudes
   Employment
   Work adjustment

Work disabilities
*Use term(s): Employment reentry
   Occupational injuries
   Workers compensation*

Work environment
Related term(s): Employer attitudes
   Employment
   Work adjustment
   Work stations

Work evaluation
*Use term(s): Vocational evaluation
   Work adjustment*

Work experience
*Use term(s): Employability*

Work hardening
*An individualized, work-oriented process that employs simulated or actual work situations structured to progressively increase work-related strength, stamina, and productivity.*
Broad term(s): Employment
   Work adjustment

Work incentive
*Use term(s): Incentives and employment*
Work performance
All types of performance relating to work go under this term, except for counselor performance, use COUNSELING EFFECTIVENESS or COUNSELOR EVALUATION; for productivity issues, use EMPLOYEE PRODUCTIVITY.
Related term(s): Employment

Work-related disabilities
Use term(s): Occupational injuries

Work samples
Replications of actual industrial tasks, business operations, or components of an occupational area, used by an evaluator to determine an individual’s work aptitude and ability to function within a variety of related vocational areas.
Related term(s): Employment
  Vocational evaluation

Work stations
Places where an individual performs job tasks
Related term(s): Employment
  Ergonomics
  Work environment

Work study programs
Programs which include academic studies and practical applications of the knowledge gained.
Broad term(s): Education
  Employment
  Employment programs
Related term(s): On the job training
  Schools
  Training
  Universities
  Vocational training
Use for: Cooperative school programs

Work transition
Transition of persons with disabilities from school or training to a job.
Use for: School-to-work transition
  Transition
  Transitional employment

Workers compensation
State-regulated, employer-paid insurance policy providing health care, weekly income payments, and rehabilitation services to individuals injured on the job.
Broad term(s): Insurance
Related term(s): Disability determination
  Disability insurance
  Employment
  Occupational injuries
  Unemployment
Use for: Work disabilities

Workers with disabilities
People with disabilities in the workplace.
Broad term(s): Employees
Related term(s): Competitive employment
  Disability determination
  Disability management
  Employee assistance programs
  Employment
  Employment reentry
  Older workers
  Supported employment
Use for: Disabled workers
  Handicapped employees

Workshops
Brief, intensive educational programs for a relatively small group of people in a given field, emphasizing participation.
Broad term(s): Education
Related term(s): Conferences
  Continuing education
  Professional training
  Staff development
  Training
Use for: Instructional workshops
  Professional workshops
  Seminars

Worksite modification

Use term(s): Job modification

Wounds
Use term(s): Injuries
Wrist

Use term(s): Joints

Writing skills
Includes ways to develop the ability to write, term added December 1994.
Related term(s): Learning

Youth
Ages 13 years and older; includes young adults and juveniles.
Related term(s): Siblings
  - Children
  - Dropouts
  - Familylife
  - Females
  - Fetuses
  - Infants
  - Juvenile delinquency
  - Males
  - Parents
  - Students
Use for: Adolescents