Choosing Keywords to Describe Your Dissertation

Select keywords that:

- Represent major concepts covered by your dissertation.
- Describe your dissertation as a whole.
- Generate relevant results when used for searching for resources on your topic.
- Are commonly used by professionals in your field of study.

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1. Brainstorm keywords that describe the major topics in your dissertation. Note: some of the suggestions may not be relevant to your dissertation.

   Geographic location(s): ____________________________  ____________________________
   Population(s): ____________________________  ____________________________
   Problem(s) or condition(s): ____________________________  ____________________________
   Intervention(s): ____________________________  ____________________________
   Outcome(s): ____________________________  ____________________________
   Other: ____________________________  ____________________________
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2. Select up to six keywords from your list. You must choose at least one keyword, but we recommend using several.