MS Kinesiology Program
Generic Qualitative Research Article Summary/Critique Outline

1. Reference Citation (APA Format used for 703/Thesis Proposal)

2. Purpose/goals of the study

3. Rationale for the study

4. Theoretical Perspective (initial and subsequent if appropriate)

4. Research Question

5. Literature review: Comprehensive, current, critical

6. Method

   Study Design and Investigator Role

   Rationale for study design – why naturalistic in general, and why specific method of data collection (e.g., participant-observation, semi-structured interview, etc)

   Trustworthiness (e.g., credibility, dependability, confirmability, transferability)

   a. Participants
      1) Method of selection
      2) Basis for inclusion
      3) Demographics
      4) Human subjects considerations (informed consent)

   b. Data Collection
      1) Measures/Instruments
      2) Procedures (instructions, schedule)
         3) Data analysis (processing, pattern/theme identification, etc)
         4) Researcher as “instrument”

   c. Interpretation/Analysis
      1) Inductive
      2) Emergent design description?

6. Results (appropriate interpretation)

7. Conclusions
   1) scientific/theoretical relevance/significance
   2) clinical/professional/practical relevance/significance

8. Important features relevant to your proposed study
   1) model description of method or new method introduced
   2) specific subject group used
   3) weaknesses to be avoided
   4) results to extend or refute
   5) theoretical perspective
   6) other...