

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...