

UWM MS Kinesiology

Required Proposal/Suggested Thesis Format (Qualitative)

- I. Chapter 1: Introduction
 - A. Background to the problem/question
 - B. Statement of purpose/goals
 - C. Study “design” and data sources.... Type of naturalistic inquiry and why
 - D. Scope/delimitations of the study
 - E. Assumptions of the study
 - F. Limitations of the study (including author statement/personal history related to topic)
 - G. Significance of the study
 - 1. Practical
 - 2. Scientific
 - 3. Integrative
 - H. Testing of theoretical position
 - I. Replication of past work and extension

- II. Chapter 2: Review of Literature
 - A. Introduction
 - 1. Restatement of problem/purpose
 - 2. What will be reviewed and why
 - 3. Brief statement as to organization of chapter
 - B. Review of Literature
 - 1. Sections
 - Introduce section, including organization of section
 - Sub-sections
 - Summary of section
 - C. Overall summary of chapter

- III. Chapter 3: Methods
 - Restatement of problem/purpose
 - B. Study “design” and researcher role
 - Data sources
 - Setting
 - How selected
 - How entry obtained
 - How long and regularly involved in setting
 - Participants
 - Demographics
 - How/why participants selected
 - Data collection
 - Method(s)
 - Procedures
 - Researcher as “instrument” (or, could come above in I.F)
 - Interpretation and analytic strategies

 - Trustworthiness (accuracy)
 - Credibility
 - Dependability
 - Confirmability
 - Transferability

- IV. Chapter IV: Results and Discussion
- V. Chapter V: Summary, Conclusions, Implications for Future Study and Application