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Assignment 2

Weighting: This assignment is worth 70% of your final mark

Literature Review

Choose a focus area of your own interest relevant to early childhood education and carry out a literature review, based on four or five recently published research articles.

Ensure your literature review includes:

- a concise description of your focus area and a brief rationale for choosing this
- a synthesis of key themes and main findings of the selected articles. A literature review requires that these are integrated, compared and contrasted across the reviewed articles
- an outline of research methods used and how ethical requirements were met by the researchers as they gathered and generated their data/information
- identification of any real or potential ethical issues, and how these were or could be addressed
- consideration of the relevance of key findings to the Aotearoa New Zealand early childhood education context
- reference to the NZARE Ethical Guidelines
- relevant links to course readings and set texts
- selected articles published within the last 10 years (or less)

(2200 - 2500 words)

Assignment 2 academic instructions

1. You will need to source and refer to a range of literature beyond what is provided in your course texts and readings to complete this assignment. Consider currency and trustworthiness when choosing your selected review articles.
2. Take note of the word limit and follow it closely.
3. Check that throughout your literature review you have acknowledged others' work using APA referencing. Include a full list of all references, including your selected research articles.
4. Remember to complete the Assignment 2 Self-review and send it in with your assignment.
5. When submitting your assignment electronically, please put your name, student number and the assignment number in the header or footer of your answer file.
6. If submitting your assignment by post, please ensure your name is at the top of every page, and/or clearly mark your disk with your name, student number, and the operating system and software used to create your work.

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Course title: Research and Inquiry 2		Course number: 75200
Student name:	Date:	Lecturer name:
Assessment criteria		Marks
Content		
Literature review includes: ‣ Concise description of chosen focus area including a brief rationale ‣ Synthesis of key themes and main research findings across the literature and research articles ‣ Outline of research methods used and how ethical requirements were met in relation to this ‣ Identification of any real or potential ethical issues, and how these were or could be addressed ‣ Consideration of the relevance of key findings to the Aotearoa New Zealand early childhood education context ‣ Selected articles published in the last 10 years (or less)		/40
Coherence and clarity ‣ Key themes and research findings articulated accurately, with clarity and fluency ‣ Key themes and research findings integrated, compared and contrasted across selected articles ‣ Ethical issues clearly explained ‣ Overall literature review is integrated in an orderly way		/20

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Supporting evidence › 4 or 5 published research articles selected, relevant to chosen focus › Research articles chosen have currency and trustworthiness › NZARE guidelines are referred to › Relevant links made to wider literature, key documents, course materials and set texts	/30
Structure, presentation and referencing › Overall structure is logically organised › Sound paragraph and sentence structure, grammar and spelling › Professional tone and inclusive language › Overall presentation: Neatness, legibility, layout › In-text citations correctly acknowledged; reference list complete and correctly compiled in APA format, including focus research articles	/10
Final grade	
Lecturer's feedback	