

Research Proposal

Part I: Submit Topic and Research Questions—Due

Week 2 What is a research proposal?

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Directions:

You will be required to write a research proposal to be submitted in week 8. This may be either a qualitative or quantitative research proposal. The proposal should be a 6–10 pages plus appendices, cover page, and reference page.

This week, you will submit a topic for your research proposal as well as the research questions you will be utilizing for your proposal. Your instructor must approve your research questions and topic for your proposal.

Submit your journal assignment and include the following:

- Research topic for the proposal
- Research questions for the proposal

Note: Once approved, any changes to your topic or research questions should be approved by your instructor.

Part II: Research Proposal Paper—Due Week 8

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Directions

Write a research proposal using your clinical question formulated earlier in the course that was approved by your instructor. This may be either a qualitative or quantitative research proposal. Your proposal must include APA formatting. The proposal should be a 6–10 in length plus appendices cover page, and reference page. The appendices should include your survey instrument created in week 6.

Introduction

- Clearly stated problem and purpose of the study
- Independent and dependent variables
- Definition of terms
- Assumptions, hypothesis, or questions (depending on research type)

Theoretical Framework

- Description of the theoretical framework to be utilized
- Identification of the concepts to be explored
- Rationale for choosing framework
- Review of the literature
- At least 4 scholarly sources included
- Appropriateness of the review and the proposal focus
- Inclusion of primary or secondary sources

Methodology

- Description of study type (quantitative or qualitative)
- Description of study design
- Rationale for the use of the selected design
- Inclusion of sample size, type, sampling method, inclusion/exclusion criteria, setting, data collection method (instrument), and data collection process
- Method for Protection of Human Subjects (consent)
- Questionnaire and consent forms must be included as appendices

Data Analysis

- Data analysis method is appropriate for study design.
- Method of data analysis is clearly stated.
- Method for displaying findings is stated.

Applicability to Nursing

- Research focuses on a problem significant to nursing.
- Research would contribute to nursing knowledge.
- Proposal is complete so that another researcher could replicate the study.
- Statement about areas of nursing that would benefit from this study.