

EXAMPLE OF AN ANNOTATED OUTLINE-VERSION 2

Abstract

The purpose of this assignment is to submit an annotated outline for the course research project.

The annotated outline will include in each of the sections identified in the project outline. The annotated outline will provide the introduction and statement of the problem, review of the related literature, and the methodology of the research study. Each section will detail information that will be included and will lead to a strong proposal.

Chapter I

INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Introduction

This section will provide an overview of the entire study. Statistics and past perspectives on the impacts of child abuse will be discussed. Articles and studies by Herder and Redner (1991), Gautam and associates (2010), and Molina and Richards (2007) will be referenced.

Background

This section will provide a background leading up to the study. Implications of childhood abuse on suicidal tendencies will be discussed. An identification of the problem will be included.

Statement of the Problem

A statement of the problem will be discussed proposed. For example, it is unknown how childhood sexual abuse impacts an individual and whether it influences their tendency to engage in suicidal behaviors. This study will attempt to gather information from participants on how their sexual abuse during childhood affected them.

Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study will be addressed. This section will enclose why this study is needed. It will also detail implications of the findings.

Major Research Question and Sub Questions

This section will include the main questions of the research study. Also included will be the sub-questions of the research study. The questions will attempt to address how childhood sexual abuse impacts suicidal tendencies.

Nature of Study

This section will include a brief overview of the research design and proposed methodology to be used. This will be a quantitative study utilizing a phenomenology approach. Semi-structured interviews will be conducted.

Rationale, Relevance and Significance of the Study

A brief rationale and need for the methodology and research design selected will be discussed. The relevance and significance of the proposed study will be provided. Studies by Gautam and associates (2010) and Hunter (2011) will be referenced.

Definition of Terms

This section will include the terms that will be used in the study. A definition of the terms will be provided. For the purposes of this study, the terms *childhood sexual abuse* and suicidal tendencies will be defined.

Assumptions and Limitations

This section will include what the researcher believes to be true about the study, what the literature has reported to be true, and may include methodological, theoretical and topic-specific assumptions. This section will also discuss what the study did not include and implications for further research are suggested. A study by Herder and Redner (1991) will be referenced.

Chapter II

A REVIEW OF THE RELATED LITERATURE

Introduction

This section will provide a recap of the overview and major questions of the research study followed by an overview to the literature review. The importance of doing a literature review will be explained. Abbott & Bordens (2011) and Afifi and associates (2008) will be referenced.

Theoretical Framework of the Review

A theoretical framework of the research study will be proposed. This section will also provide a direction for the research. A study by Herder and Redner (1991) will be referenced.

An Overview of the Related Research

This section will enclose the literature review. Overviews of five articles will be provided and will include with the presentation of the literature with subtitles representing the themes in the literature review. The five studies are carried out by: Beck and his colleagues (2008), Calder and his associates (2010), Afifi and his colleagues (2008), Egle et al. (2008), and Herder and Redner (1991).

Evaluation of Viable Research Designs

This study will use a qualitative research design using a phenomenology approach. Semi-structured interviews will be conducted. An evaluation of the research design will be given in regards to appropriateness for this study.

Summary

A summary of the key findings from the literature review will be highlighted. Analogies and conclusions of the literature review will be discussed. This section will also discuss the gaps in current literature and implications for further research will be discussed.

Chapter III

RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

Introduction

This section will include the researcher's philosophy of the study. The researcher philosophy will include how to best gather the data for the study and what is needed to accomplish that. The rationale for why a methods section is needed will be enclosed.

Overview of Research Design and Rationale

This section will include the research design and its strategy. The benefits of using the research design will be discussed. In this instance, the research design will be quantitative.

Sampling Design

A sampling design will be provided. This will include the data instrumentation and how it will apply to this study.

Data Collection Procedures

This section will offer a step-by- step approach to data collection.

Data Instrumentation

This section will discuss data instrumentation.

Data Analysis Plan and Procedures

This section will include how the researcher plans to analyze the data collected. For example, thematic analysis can be used since it is a qualitative study.

Limitations of the Research Design

The limitations of the proposed design will be discussed. This will in regards to what it will or will not measure.

Internal and External Validity

This section will include internal validity, credibility, external validity, transferability from the research proposal guidelines.

Expected Findings

This section will include what the researcher hopes to find from conducting the study. For example, a finding would be that childhood sexual abuse does cause women to be suicidal. Interventions based on the findings will be provided.

Ethical Considerations

This section will discuss possible ethical issues that may derive as a result of conduction this study. Informed consent, involuntary consent, and safeguards will be discussed to ensure that participants will be exposed to no harm. A possible issue in this study is the possibility of re-traumatization. A safeguard of having a counselor or therapist available would be beneficial.

Conclusion

The entire study will be summarized. This will include purpose, intent, and findings of the study. Implication of the findings for further research will be discussed.

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