

Part I - Research Project Proposal Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure that your project proposal has been submitted correctly

Your Question

The key to a good research question is to be very specific.

Broad Topic	Narrowed	Focused	Research Question
Schizophrenia	Schizophrenia & hallucinations and delusions	Schizophrenia & religious themed hallucinations and delusions	What is the relationship between schizophrenia and apocalyptic religious themed hallucinations and delusions in adults?
Computer Games	Computer game violence	Computer game violence & children	How does violence in computer games effect children?
Eating Disorders	Teens & eating disorders	Teen peer pressure & bulimia	What role, if any, does peer pressure play in the develop of bulimia in teens?

- Review your research question to be sure that it meets the criteria exemplified in the chart above.
- Stay away from research questions that have a YES or NO answer. The results of your questions should be able to reveal 2 or more answers.
- Do not include any personal nouns or personal opinions in the question (this applies to all aspects of this project)...this includes words like “I”, “me”, “we”, “us”, “them”, “they”, etc.
- One way to focus your question is to identify the population (children, adults, Hispanics, etc.)
- If applicable, makes sure you are using the words “affect” and/or “effect appropriately. “Effect” implies a Consequence and “Affect” implies a Transformation. To see if you are doing this correctly, substitute the words “consequences” and “transforms” into your question statement (this applies to all aspects of this project).
- Use person-first language to describe persons with disabilities. For example: the term “Schizophrenic” is not appropriate, it would be “person with Schizophrenia” (this applies to all aspects of this project).
- Your research question is phrased in the form of a question with a question mark at the end.
- Please use spell- and grammar-check prior to submitting your proposal (this applies to all aspects of this project).

Why you want to answer this question

Your reason for wanting to research this particular question may be out of curiosity or it may be very personal. You do not have to share the specific story, but when your Instructor knows your motivation, they may be able to help you select a better way to phrase and research your question.

- State the reasons why you want to research this question. In particular, address what you would do with this information or how this information may impact you.

Three Peer Reviewed Articles

The instructions for what is a peer reviewed article and how to find them in the KVCC EBSCO Library system are outlined in the Instructions for the Proposal.

- Read the instructions on what is a Peer Reviewed Article.
- Copy and paste the titles of your 3 articles into Question 3 of the Proposal Quiz
- If you are planning on researching a mental health disorder you will need to access the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th Edition – DSM-V)

Access your Instructor's Feedback

The Proposal Quiz serves as a communication tool for you to access feedback from your instructor to refine your question and your research. It is vital that you check your grades and feedback on this quiz prior to moving forward with Parts 2 and 3.

You must achieve a score of 100 on this quiz for your topic and selected articles to be “approved”. You will be asked to continue to retake this quiz, answering each question again (so save your answers) until you score a 100.

To access your grades and feedback execute the following steps (this applies to all aspects of Blackboard grades and feedback).

1. Log into your course.
2. Go to “My Grades” in the left menu
3. Click on the WORDS “Research Project Proposal Quiz” (you should see your numerical grade for this quiz.)
4. Click on the number itself, the grade.
5. At this point you should see your submission and any comments your instructor has left for you.
6. If you have submitted multiple tries at this quiz, you should see each of your subsequent grades and you can click on each one to see the different feedback you got on each quiz.