CRAFTING SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND HYPOTHESES

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HOW ARE YOU?

ANY ISSUES, CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, QUESTIONS, PROVOCATIONS, DESIRES THAT WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

AGENDA

Check-in: how are you?
Overview of key concepts
Facilitated discussion
Small group work
Next steps

WHAT MAKES A GOOD RESEARCH QUESTION?



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CRAFTING QUANTITATIVE QUESTIONS

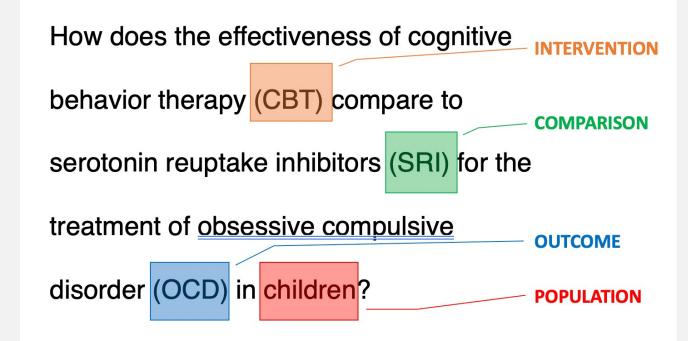
- Descriptive Questions
- Explanatory Questions
- Exploratory Questions

What is the relationship between [independent variable] and [dependent variable] for [target population]? Research questions inquire about relationships among variables

Hypotheses (null and alternative) predict the expected outcome among variables Use language such as compare groups, relate variables, describe responses to variables

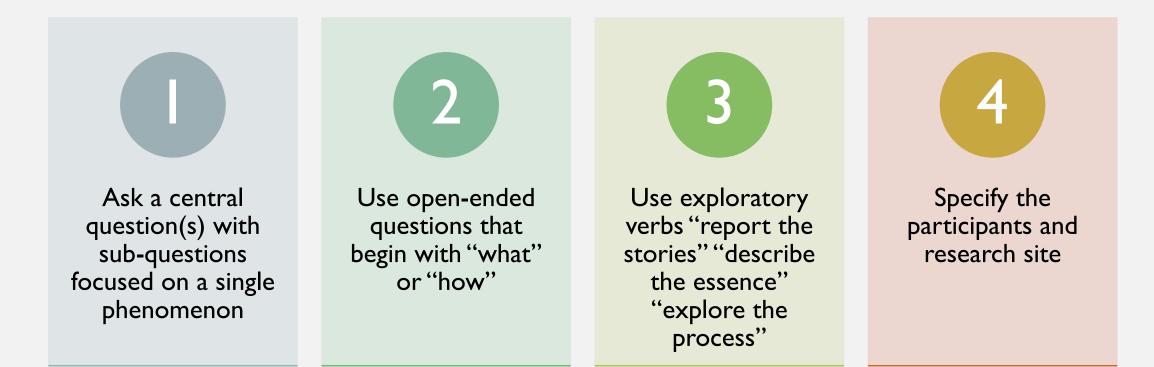
PICO RESEARCH QUESTION

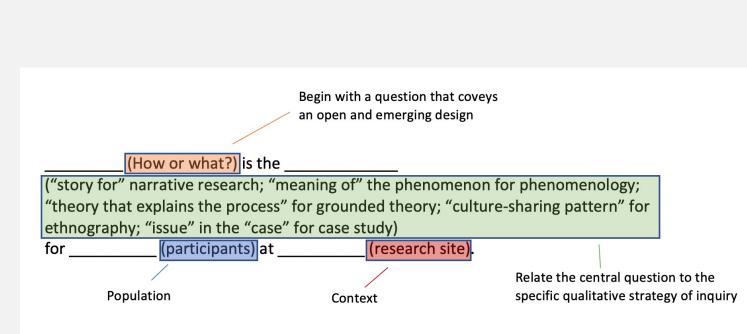
Population Intervention Comparison Outcome



<u>Search terms:</u> "cogitative behavior therapy", CBT, "serotonin reuptake inhibitors", SRI, "obsessive compulsive disorder", OCD, children

CRAFTING QUALITATIVE QUESTIONS





<u>Search terms:</u> "social work", "doctoral education" autoethnography, "research training"

CRAFTING A QUALITATIVE QUESTION

How do our intersectional identities interact with the structures relevant to social work doctoral education and research training at a large public university in the United States?

(Oswald, Bussey, Thomas, & Ortega-Williams, 2020)

FACILITATED DISCUSSION

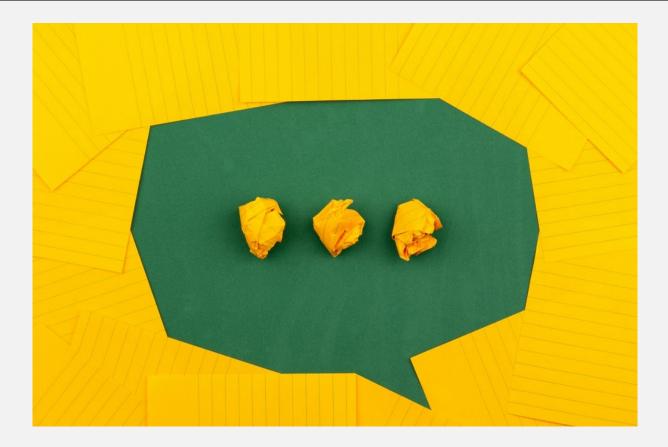


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SMALL GROUP WORK

10 minutes in small groups working on crafting a qualitative or quantitative research question

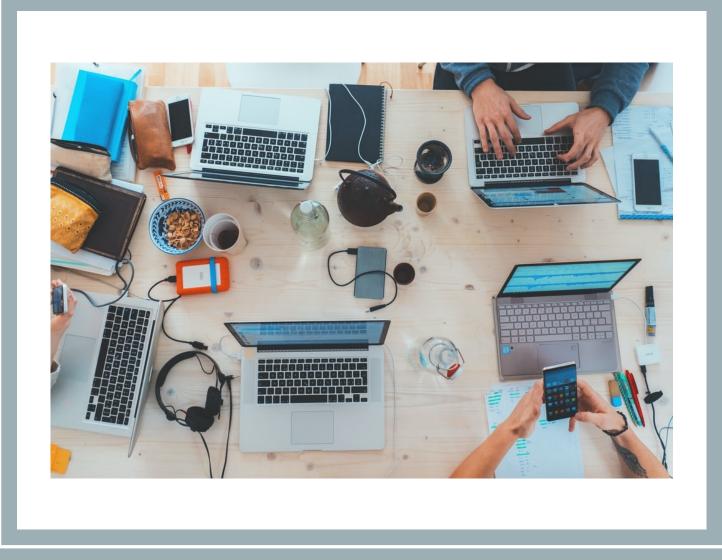


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NEXT WEEK

Session	Date	Торіс	Assignments Due
9	11/8	Levels of measurement in quantitative research	Article Critique