

Dissertation Assessment Rating Scale*

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Dissertation Sections	Rating				Comments
	4 Exemplary	3 Competent	2 Marginal	1 Poor	

Abstract

Abstract contains a concise description of the study, a brief statement of the problem, exposition of methods and procedures, and a summary of findings and implications.					
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Introduction

Contains a clear statement demonstrating that the focus of the study is on a significant problem that is worthy of study					
The Nature of the Study, Specific Research Question, Hypotheses, or Research Objectives are briefly and clearly described.					
The Purpose of the study is described in a logical, explicit manner.					
The Significance of the study is described in terms of knowledge generation and professional application					

Literature Review

The review of related research and literature is clearly related to the problem statement as expressed in: a. Research questions and hypothesis, or b. Study questions and objectives					
The review of related research and literature includes: a. Comparisons/contrasts of different points of view or different research outcomes b. Relationship of the study to previous research					
The content of the review is drawn from acceptable peer-reviewed journals or sound academic journals or there is justification for using other sources.					
The review is an integrated, critical essay on the most relevant and current published knowledge on the topic. The review is organized around major ideas or themes.					

Methodology

The Introduction describes how the research design derives logically from the problem or issue statement.					
The process by which the data were generated, gathered, and recorded is clearly described					
How and when the data were analyzed is articulated					

Findings

The findings: a. build logically from the problem and the research design, and b. are presented in a manner that addresses the research questions.					
Patterns, relationships, and themes described as findings are supported by the data. All salient data are accounted for in the findings.					

Discussion/Conclusions

Provides a brief summary of the research findings that can be drawn from the study					
Contains implications of the study and articulates the need for future research					

Holistic Assessments

The dissertation: a. Follows a standard form and has a professional scholarly appearance					
b. Is written with correct grammar, punctuation and spelling					
c. Includes appropriate citations					
d. Is written in a scholarly language that is clear and precise					
e. Logically organized					

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