Research Design

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Principles

- Focus on quality, not words and pages
- Work must be completed by end of the summer program.
- Everyone will produce the same product.
- Start now if not already started.
- Be ready to present outline at May meeting.
Principles Continued

- Work with mentors now.
- Finish product does not have to be “100% completed” since research is a constant work in progress.
- Try to stick to the model outlined today, but you do have flexibility and should consult with mentor where necessary.
- Commit serious time to the research beginning now to be ahead of the game when Summer Research Institute starts.
Principles Continued

- Do not undertake a study that will likely not be reasonably developed.
- Determine if you are doing your study or a piece of your mentor’s study.
- Ask questions of the Program and your mentor early - respect people’s time.
- Irrespective of study (qualitative or quantitative), follow the same template unless your mentor asks you to deviate.
- Must be ready to be published in McNair Journal along with last year’s scholars who are graduating.
- Third year scholars must be prepared to send work to a publisher.
Abstract

- Follow the guidelines on the McNair website. We will notify you of any changes at the May meeting.
Chapter I: Introduction

Statement of the Problem
Purpose of the Study
Research Questions
Significance of the Study
Summary of Theoretical Framework
Definition of Terms
Organization of the Remaining Sections
Chapter II: Review of the Literature

Organization of the Chapter

Literature on …. (Level 1 heading)

First Subheading (Level 3 heading)
Second Subheading (Level 3 heading)
Next subheading. (Level 4)

Then Repeat as Needed

Summary and Implications of the Literature

Relationship to Analytic Framework
Chapter III: Research Methodology

This section must be designed by you and your mentor as the sections will vary depending on your type of study: qualitative or quantitative.
Chapter IV: Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations for Future Research

Organization of the Chapter

Findings

Research Question 1 (or Hypothesis 1)
Findings.

Research Question 2 (or Hypothesis 2)
Findings.
Chapter IV: Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations for Future Research Continued

Conclusions

Conclusion 1
Conclusion 2
Conclusion 3

Recommendations for Future Research

Recommendation 1
Recommendation 2
References

Use APA format
Writing Tips

See word document.