Assignment 3 – Finding Related Literature

The goal of this assignment is to learn about finding professional literature related to your area of focus for your action research project.

Part 1 Reading: The purpose of the reading is to give you a better idea of how to find articles and resources relevant to action research.


Part 2 Searching Online Resources: The purpose of this activity is to use several online resources to find relevant professional literature.

- Identify several (3 – 6) keywords or phrases related to your area of focus. For example, for the area of focus, “how can I improve the integration and transfer of problem-solving skills in mathematics?” three keywords might be problem solving, secondary education, and mathematics.
- Using the keywords, locate one unpublished document (ED) and one published document (EJ) provided by ERIC (total of two documents).
- Using the keywords, locate two documents in Education Index.
- Using the keywords, locate two articles in Mathematics Teacher (or Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School, if you are a middle school teacher) at the website for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (nctm.org).
- Using the keywords, locate one document from each of two other resources (total of two documents).

Format Requirements

- Please submit your area of focus, the keywords, and the eight sources in a reference list. The format of the references should be consistent; APA format for references is recommended (see below).
- Please include a cover page with your name, the date, the course number and credit number, the assignment number, and your current area of focus.
- The file name for your assignment should be Assign03.Name where Name is your last name (e.g., Assign03.Powers)
- You may submit the assignment via Blackboard or e-mail.

References and Sources

In mathematics education, we generally adhere to APA (American Psychological Association) format for referring to articles, books, web pages, etc. Right now you should provide enough information about the articles you read that I can easily find them. As you progress through this process, you will want to adhere more closely to APA format. The official website for APA format is [http://www.apastyle.org/](http://www.apastyle.org/). You can learn a lot from the links to “Electronic References”
and “FAQs.” You will want to get in the habit of writing down all the reference information on the articles you find because you may want to cite them later in your ARP.

**Assignment Rubric**

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Satisfactory work includes:
- Completing the task on time
- Writing is clear and unambiguous
- Terminology is consistent with the course materials
- Answers are well-thought
- Answers are factually correct
- Opinions are supported by reason