MED 599 ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT

Assignment 4 – The Action Research Plan

The goal of this assignment is to think about steps that will guide you through your action research project.

Part 1 Reading: The purpose of the reading is to learn about one strategy for preparing for the steps of action research.


Part 2 Outlining the Steps: The purpose of this activity is to describe briefly the steps needed to complete your action research project.

According to Mills (2007) the nine steps of an action research plan are:

1. Write an area-of-focus statement.
2. Define the variables.
3. Develop research questions.
4. Describe the intervention or innovation [i.e., the plan of action].
5. Describe the membership of the action research group.
6. Describe negotiations that need to be undertaken.
7. Develop a timeline.
8. Develop a statement of resources.
9. Develop data collection ideas. (p. 44)

- Briefly describe your area of focus.
- Identify the variables involved in your area of focus.
- Write no more than three research questions related to your area of focus.
- Briefly describe your plan of action.
- Develop a timeline for the completion of your project.
- Briefly describe the resources you will need to implement your project.
- Briefly describe your ideas about data collection.

Note that your descriptions of membership of the action research group and the negotiations that need to be undertaken are steps that you should consider, but I will not need to provide feedback on these steps.

Format Requirements

- Please submit your step for the action research plan. Your response should be typed and double-spaced in an appropriate font and should be moderate in length (3 – 5 pages).
- 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 Assign04.Name where Name is your last name (e.g., Assign04.Powers)
- You may submit the assignment via Blackboard or e-mail.
### 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

**Note:** Several components are applicable to Chapter 1 of your Action Research Project report:
- Description of your area of focus.
- The variables involved in your area of focus.
- The research questions related to your area of focus.

Also note that your description of your plan of action and your ideas about data collection are major components of Chapter 3.