FOUN 8112 - Qualitative Research for Educators

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Course Description

8112. Qualitative Research for Educators. Consideration of traditional and evolving qualitative methods and literature that apply to doctoral study of problems in teaching, school leadership, and school change. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Qualitative Research Design: An Interactive Approach, 3rd Edition.	Maxwell, J.A.	1412981190
Required	Subtractive Schooling: U.S.-Mexican Youth and the Politics of Caring	Valenzuela, A.	9780791443224
Required	Qualitative inquiry & research design: Choosing among five approaches	Creswell, J. W., & Poth, C. N.	978-1544398396
Optional	APA Publication Manual	American Psychological Association	13. 978-1433832178

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Chapter 1 & 2 of Creswell/Poth Chapter 1,2,3 of Maxwell	Examine the foundations of qualitative research and research paradigms	Identity Memo, Concept Map Development, Reading quiz
10/26	Chapter 3 of Creswell/Poth Chapter 4&5 of Maxwell	Employ a research matrix for the alignment of research questions and methods.	Research Matrix, Reading Quiz
11/2	Chapter 4 of Creswell/Poth Chapter 6 of Maxwell	Compare/Contrast qualitative approaches	Concept Map/Validity Threats, Qualitative Dissertation, Reading Quiz
11/9	Chapter 5 of Creswell/Poth Subtractive Schooling	Apply concepts to critical evaluation of qualitative research	Critical Review of Subtractive Schooling, Reading Quiz

11/16	Chapter 6 of Creswell/Poth Subtractive Schooling	Use research findings to establish a theory for future study	Subtractive Schooling Case Study Activity, Reading Quiz
11/23	Chapter 7 of Creswell/Poth Saldana's The Coding Manual for Qualitative Researchers	Use theme analysis to evaluate and code data	Coding of Interview Transcript, Reading Quiz
11/30	Chapter Ten in Creswell & Poth	Evaluate a qualitative study for reliability and validity	Qualitative Dissertation Review Reading Quiz

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