

Appendix E



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NURSING GRADUATE PROGRAMCritiquing Evaluation Criteria for Qualitative Research Article

NURS 502 Nursing Science and the Research Process

Listed below are criteria that you will use to critique research articles pertinent to your research area of interest. Discuss how the investigator satisfied each criterion. Cite relevant passages in the articles, with reference to page number if appropriate. Don't merely respond "yes" or "no" to the presence or absence of each criterion – you must provide examples and rationale for your response.

Criteria	YES	NO	Comments
I- Title of the Article and Authors			
Is the title clear, including area of study and group studied?			
Are the author's credentials included?			
II- Statement of the Phenomenon of Interest			
Is the phenomenon of interest clearly identified???			
Has the researcher identified why the phenomenon requires a qualitative format for study?			
Are the philosophical underpinnings of the research described?			
III- Purpose			
Is the purpose of conducting the research made explicit?			
Does the researcher describe the projected significance of the work to nursing?			
IV- Method			
Is the method used to collect data compatible with the purpose of the research?			
Is the method adequate to address the phenomenon of interest?			
If a particular approach is used to guide the inquiry, does the researcher complete the study according to the processes described?			
V- Sampling			
Does the researcher describe the selection of participants?			
Are the informants who were chosen appropriate to inform the research?			
VI- Data Collection			
Is data collection focused on human experience?			
Does the researcher describe data collection strategies (i.e., interview, observation, focus groups, field notes)?			
Is protection of human subjects addressed?			
Is saturation of the data described?			

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Are the procedures for collecting data made explicit?			
VII- Data Analysis			
Does the researcher describe the strategies used to analyze the data?			
Does the reader understand the procedures used to analyze the data?			
Does the researcher address the credibility, auditability, and fittingness of the data?			
VIII- Credibility			
Do the participants recognize the experience as their own?			
IX- Auditability			
Can the reader follow the thinking of the researcher?			
Does the researcher document the research process?			
X- Fittingness			
Are the findings applicable outside the study situation?			
Are the results meaningful to individuals not involved in the research?			
Is the strategy used for analysis compatible with the purpose of the study?			
XI- Findings			
Are the findings presented within a context?			
Is the reader able to apprehend the essence of the experience from the report of the findings?			
Are the researcher's conceptualizations true to the data?			
Does the researcher place the report in the context of what already is known about the phenomenon?			
XII- Conclusions, implications, and recommendations			
Do the conclusions, implications, and recommendations give the reader a context in which to use the findings?			
Do the conclusions reflect the findings of the study?			
Are recommendations for future study offered?			
Is the significance of the study to nursing made explicit?			
XIII- Format			
Utilizes APA format			
Includes the list of references utilizing APA			

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