

UNIT 7

Unit 7 Planning And Implementing Sustainable Solutions: Part II

Introduction

In Unit 7, you will submit your SMART form, along with your current Management Plan Task Sheet from DHA8013. The task sheet should include updates to the steps for completing the proposed project, costs of the plan, timelines, et cetera.

Objectives

To successfully complete this learning unit, you will be expected to:

1. Deepen understanding of systematic ways of implementing action plans.
2. Comprehend frameworks and develop knowledge base for implementing planned change.
3. Develop strategies for ensuring that action research processes and plans become part of the organization.
4. Submit a draft project proposal for an action research implementation protocol.

[u07s1] Unit 7 Study 1

Studies

Readings

Use your *Doing Action Research in Your Own Organization* text to complete the following:

- Read Chapter 5, "Designing and Implementing Your Action Research Project."

Use your *Action Research* text to complete the following:

- Read Chapter 7, "Strategic Planning."

Focus on Dissertation Proposal and SMART Form

- Continue to work on your dissertation proposal and [SMART Form](#). You will submit your SMART Form in this unit.

[u07a1] Unit 7 Assignment 1

Submit Update of the Management Plan Task Worksheet

In DHA8013 you began work on a management plan and task list that included research questions, goals, and objectives of your project, action research methods, ethical considerations, and a dissemination plan. In this assignment, you are to update the Management Plan Task

Worksheet with changes or revisions to the timeline, activities, budget, mitigation plan, stakeholders, interview protocols, and other important details. Updates to the plan should be based on organizational goals and objectives, feedback from previous instructor and peers, literature review information, and re-alignment with the outcomes you hope to accomplish with

Resources

-  [Submit Update of the Management Plan Task Worksheet Scoring Guide.](#)
-  [Management Plan Task Worksheet](#)

the Action Research project. Plans should be detailed enough so that if someone wanted to do your exact project, they would know exactly what steps to take.



[u07a2] Unit 7 Assignment 2

Submit SMART Form

Throughout this course, you were given time to begin working on the SMART Form. While this is a work in progress, you will submit the document for review at the end of the week.

You will send the completed form to your mentor for approval as soon as you determine one (Unit 9). Once you have submitted the SMART form to your mentor, any needed changes will need to be approved by him or her.

After the final approval of your SMART form by a Scientific Merit Reviewer, you will schedule a conference call to obtain official approval of your SMART form. The conference call should include you, your mentor, and the Scientific Merit Reviewer.

Resources

 [Submit SMART Form Scoring Guide.](#)

[u07d1] Unit 7 Discussion 1

Action Research Project Success

Based on your reading of Chapter 7 in your *Action Research* text, discuss two things leaders of action research project organizations need to do to make sure the action researcher is successful in executing a project. How will you work with your stakeholders and organizational leaders to ensure this is accomplished?

Response Guidelines

Respond to the post of at least one of your peers, and compare their post with yours. Ask questions to advance the discussion.

Resources

 [Discussion Participation Scoring Guide.](#)

[u07d2] Unit 7 Discussion 2

Role of Celebration

What is the role and importance of celebration in the context of action research? What are some appropriate ways this can happen in the organization with which you will do your research?

Response Guidelines

Resources

 [Discussion Participation Scoring Guide.](#)

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Unit 7 Updates and Handouts

Periodically, information will be posted in this space for the good of the class.

Ask Your Instructor

This thread was created to provide a convenient space for you to ask questions—questions about particular assignment and discussion activities, questions about the course in general, questions about expectations. If there is something that you feel you could use help with, please post your question here. Most likely, some of your classmates will have the same concern, so your post may help several learners. If you feel your question is private, please use the **Messages** tool found under **Notifications**.