

BMHP5019_BIRM – Introduction to Independent Research Skills

Component 1 Template.

400-word Scoping review proposal.

Student Name:

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Title

[State your title clearly, use the following format as an example;]

A Scoping Review of [Your Topic]: Identifying Themes Using Aveyard's Simplified Thematic Analysis

Background and Rationale

[Provide a brief introduction to the topic and its significance.]

For example:

Mental health issues have been increasingly prevalent in [specific population, e.g., adolescents], necessitating effective interventions. However, the breadth of research in this area has led to inconsistent findings about [specific aspect, e.g., the effectiveness of school-based mental health programs]. Conducting a scoping review will map existing literature, highlighting key themes and gaps in the field.

Research Aim and Objectives

[State your research aims and objectives, for example;]

The primary aim is to systematically review is to map existing research on [topic] using a scoping review approach. This will:

1. Identify and categorise key themes within the literature.
2. Highlight evidence gaps for future research.
3. Provide insights into practical applications within [specific field, e.g., healthcare or education].

Methodology

Scoping Review Framework

[Outline the steps that you plan to take in order to locate, analyse and report your scoping review]

Research Question

[State your review question, for example] What are the key themes in [specific field/topic] as identified by existing peer-reviewed literature?

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

[State how you will decide which studies to include and which to exclude from your scoping review. For example:]

- **Inclusion:** Studies published in English, within the last 10 years, and focusing on [specific aspects, e.g., interventions for adolescent mental health].
- **Exclusion:** Non-peer-reviewed articles, studies outside the defined timeframe, and research focused on unrelated topics.

Data Collection and Analysis

[State the search strategy and method of analysis that you plan to use, for example;]

- **Search Strategy:** A systematic search will be conducted in databases such as ..., .., using keywords like “[topic],” “....,” and “[other relevant terms].”

- **Analysis:** Aveyard (2014) simplified thematic analysis will be used to identify recurring patterns and themes in the data. Key steps include:
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Expected Outcomes

[Briefly state your expected outcome]

The scoping review will produce a thematic map of [topic], offering a clearer understanding of the current state of knowledge and identifying areas for further exploration.

Ethical Considerations

[Briefly state how you will maintain ethical research practices]

The scoping review will maintain ethical practice by....

References

[List your references in Harvard style, for example;]

- Aveyard, H. (2007). *Doing a Literature Review in Health and Social Care: A Practical Guide*. Open University Press.
- Arksey, H., & O'Malley, L. (2005). "Scoping studies: towards a methodological framework." *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 8(1), 19-32.