



Project and Theses

Information Expected for the Proposal and Final Defense
CSUSB MA Child Development Program Updated 2021

Project Proposal

Introduction

- Statement of issue/community need
- Summary of literature review

Literature Review

- Expanded statement of need
- Literature review of best way to rectify need
- Examination of existing programs to meet need
- Proposed program and hypothesized outcomes of delivery

Methods

- Proposed participants
- Proposed measures
- Proposed procedures
- Proposed project materials and how they were developed

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- Proposed way to assess the program/project and how it will be evaluated for effectiveness
- Proposed procedures
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Project Final

Method

Participants
Assessment of project/program
Procedures
Project materials and how they were developed

Results

Knowledge of participants before and after project implementation
Efficacy of project implementation (using qualitative and descriptive statistics from the assessments of the project/program)

Discussion

Summary of utility of project
Evaluation of program goals/outcomes
Limitations of project
Future directions

Examples of Projects

*This are examples this is not an exhaustive list

- Parenting Workshops
- Podcast about specific aspect of development
- Teacher Workshops on aspect of skills, development, etc.
- Creating a handbook or resources on a particular topic area

Thesis Proposal

Introduction

- Research question to be addressed
- Summary of literature review

Literature Review

- Topic to be addressed
- Literature review analyzing what is known about topic
- Identification of “holes” in the literature
- Proposed research question(s)/hypotheses

Methods

- Proposed participants
- Proposed measures
- Proposed procedures
- Proposed analysis of data

Thesis Final

Method

- Participants
- Measures
- Procedures

Results

- How data was analyzed
- Descriptive statistics
- Inferential statistics

Discussion

- Discussion of hypotheses in relation to data
- Relationship between findings and literature review
- Limitations
- Future directions