LESSON 14

TOPIC: Reporting and Sharing Research Findings

SUB-TOPIC: Drawing Conclusions and Forming Recommendations

Concluding Chapter

In concluding chapter often includes the following:

- Conclusions
- Recommendations

Forming Conclusions

Conclusion are essentially judgement statements logically reached through the investigation of the research topic. Your conclusions would need to contain two essential things: summary of findings and issues.

Summary of Finding

You need to provide a brief review of what you set out to do in your research and what you have discovered. It is necessary to help your readers recall the purpose of your research and what it aimed to do. You need to dwell on the details to and provide direct quotations and detailed descriptions again. Simply give an overview of the findings. You may also present once more what existing literature says about these patterns and themes, especially in light of your research topic.

Remember that this portion of your research is your "final word". You have to focus on the crucial elements of your research. Treat the things you want to share in this concluding chapter as "key takeaways" or aspect that they really want to impart to your audience.

Issues

It is at this point where you can start to turn your attention from the details to the bigger picture. Here, relate your research to the broader issues. Ask yourself what issues and concerns were revealed by your study in the following areas: research topic, policy, and practice.

Highlight what is your research is saying about the research topic. You may also reflect on what your research is saying about policy and practice. Here you focus on the participants in your research. In addition, you may also present problems that were further highlighted by your study.

Developing Recommendations

Recommendations are logical suggestions or proposals that you may bring up as a result of your research. You may also return to the discussion on the significance of the study in this section and expound on these more. In addition, you can make your recommendations in light of the issues you raised in your conclusions section. Provide suggestions on what can be done to address these. Here, you may also look into several aspects similar to those presented above: research topic, method, policy, and practice.

Concerning the research topic, you may provide suggestions on aspects that could be looked into in future studies. Over the course of your research, some issues and problems may have surfaced. Discuss possible proposals that can respond to these. You may also present recommendations about the research method. If you conduct the study again, hat possible improvements can be made to reveal other insights about the phenomenon under study?

Lastly, another aspect you may look into are practice implications of your research in terms of policy and practice, Here, you may look at the population of your research and provide recommendations on policies and programs that cater to this particular group. You may also propose possible considerations or potential adjustments that organizations who work with the research population can make.

Recommendation, like objectives may be stated following the "SMART" acronym:

1. Specific
2. Measurable
3. Achievable
4. Result-oriented
5. Time – bound

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LESSON 14 TASKS
Individual Task

Day 1 Task

Directions: Answer the following questions on one-half crosswise.

1. Before making conclusions, how will you know that you are on the right track? Write the guidelines that you will follow.

2. What type of recommendation can be easily understood and acceptable? Explain and show examples.

Type of Recommendation	Explanation and Examples

Day 2 Task

Directions: Answer the given question.

1. Critique the conclusion taken from a hypothetical master's thesis:

    > In accordance with the evaluator's validations, the apparent weaknesses of the developed CAI which needs improvements are three items. It is not easy to read, which suggest that the text font size is small and testy. It lacks animation, and the other, choice of color, graphics, and sound is not appropriate. These may cause problems in CAI in the area of maintaining and arousing interest.

2. State your recommendations for the above-cited conclusions:

    Recommendations