

Introduction Section and Contributing Deliverables

Deadline: Sunday, February 23 at 5PM

Assignment description: (3-4 pages)

In general, an introduction begins broadly and then narrows on the problem, relevant literature and the study at hand. A typical introduction addresses the following components in full prose:

- State the problem broadly
- Relate the problem to a specific health issue
- Discuss literature that addresses relevant aspects of the problem (i.e. attempts at defining or exploring the problem, existing conceptual or thematic frameworks, studies that guide your methodological approach, etc.)
- Identify policy approaches relevant to the problem (this is particularly relevant as your study is intended to have policy implications)
- Identify gaps in the knowledge
- Present research objectives which this study will address in order to fill gaps in the knowledge

Contributing Deliverables:

- *Final research topic* – this deliverable provides the focus of your study, and should be stated simply toward the beginning of the introduction section
- *Annotated bibliography* – this deliverable should contain a number of journal articles related to your topic synthesized assessed for quality and relevance. If done comprehensively, an annotated bibliography discussion should provide the bulk of your introduction section by providing language around the relevance of consulted literature. You should not have to use any literature other than that contained in your annotated bibliography when writing your introduction section.
- *Problem diagram* – the problem diagram provides a visual map of contributing factors to your health outcome or “problem” in your chosen population. This diagram should help frame your introduction section, isolating themes to describe and justify with literature
- *Research objectives* – the research objectives are a list of items which your study is attempting to achieve using a mixed methods approach. These objectives should make up your final paragraph, detailing the approach taken in the rest of the study