

## SPE 570

### Project Template

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#### Developing a Research Topic:

Which of the following areas am I more interested in researching?

- VI
- O&M

Which of the following kind of kid am I more interested in studying?

- Blind
- Low vision
- Academic
- MIVI

What aspects of this kid's program am I interested in studying?

- Their inclusion in a regular class.
- How they learn academics (like braille).
- Instruction in the Extended Core Curriculum
  - If so, which specific area \_\_\_\_\_.
- Activity based routines
- Specific sensory behaviors
- other

Or am I more interested in studying the caregivers and professionals that work with kids who have visual impairments? If so, which group am I interested in?

- Parents or siblings
- Sighted peers
- TVIs
- COMS
- OTs/PTs Related Service people
- Regular educators

Special educators

One of the things that I have wondered about in my practice is why or how

\_\_\_\_\_.

So.... for my broad topic, I'd like to study: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Does it seem logical that I could find out some things about this topic that would be interesting and informative?

Yes

No

If not, begin again! 😊

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#### Doing a Preliminary Review of the Literature:

My broad research topic is:

Go on line to Dr. Mercer's website and click on "Doing Research at the Steen Library." Follow the instructions on the red page.

When you get on line, you will be ready to begin to do a "review of the literature." When you do this review, you are trying **to find out what research has already been done and published**. There are several reasons that you want to know what's already been done on your topic.

- Someone may already have done the study that you want to do.
- Someone may have done a study sort of like the one you want to do that will give you ideas about where to go.
- There may be information out there that will help you understand your topic better.
- There may be studies that give you data or stories that relate to your topic.

When you get on line, you are going to do a computer search to find out if there is anything in the data banks that relate to your topic. So, in the boxes, enter the terms that you think would be likely to bring up the articles that will be relevant. The terms that I am going to enter are:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

There will be a list of articles that come up. **PRINT THAT LIST!!** That way, you'll know what sources are available. Read the title of each one. Does it sound pretty close to your topic? Do you think you should read it