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Abstract

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Key results and findings should be highlighted, followed by a statement(s) about conclusion(s).

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This [thesis or dissertation] is the original, unpublished, independent work by the author, Student Name.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

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1.2 Definitions

Definitions relevant and specific to the field and how those definitions and/or terms will be applied to the study and used throughout the thesis/MRP. Provide citations/sources for definitions.

1.3 Research Problem/ objectives and research questions

1.4 Research Design

Summary of the research methodology and why that specific approach was selected, including how research approach sets this study apart from other studies on the topic. Include details on method, including sampling, data collection, data analysis
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Chapter 2 Literature Review

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3.3.1 Sampling approach

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3.4 Data Collection Procedures

3.4.1 *Data collection approach*

Describe specific details or methods of data collection; describe ways in which the data collection methods were consistent with and appropriate to your research approach and method. Include any documents (such as interview or observation protocols) used during data collection in the appendices. Describe method of electronic data collection (recordings, video digital recorder), including devices used (e.g., Sony digital recorder); explain where data were uploaded (e.g., laptop). Describe method/approach for field notes during data collection and how those notes were used and how they were securely stored.

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Steps and procedures taken to manage all data (print, electronic, digital, data on devices) to maintain security, privacy, confidentiality during all phases of the study (collection, analysis, writing). Steps/procedures put into place to manage, organize, and prepare data for analysis throughout all stages of analysis.

3.6 Analysis Approach

Describe and explain your analysis approach that would be consistent and appropriate to your research method and approach: field/ laboratory analysis, statistical analyses, or qualitative analyses etc.

3.7 Ethics Approval [if relevant to your study]

Statement about ethics approval: date of approval; from the Nipissing University Research Ethics Board; if applicable, indicate ethics approval(s) granted from other institution(s).

Chapter 4 Results

4.1 Introduction

4.2 Profile of Participants/ description of sample [if relevant to your study]

4.3 Findings

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Chapter 5 Discussion

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5.3 Limitations

5.4 Conclusion

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