

Problem of Practice Core Components for Individual on Campus Interviews.

Please prepare this 1-2 page document and bring to the face to face interview at the end of March.

Problem Statement Framework

The heart of a doctoral dissertation IS the PROBLEM STATEMENT. This is the place where most committee members go first to understand and assess the merits of a proposal or a dissertation. After reading the problem statement, the reader will know *why* you are doing this study and be convinced of its importance.

Problem Statement

In 200 words or less (about 1-2 paragraphs) you need to convince the committee that this study **MUST** be done! Society or one of its institutions has some pressing problem that needs closer attention. You will provide evidence that this problem is serious and in need of further investigation. You will convince the reader that the problem can be solved with the methodology selected.

Some Basic Questions

1. What is the overriding problem (in one sentence)?
2. What is the population and sample that are affected by this problem?
3. What type of study will this be?
4. Will this study be qualitative or quantitative?
5. What type of methodology will be used? How does the proposed methodology best support your study (support with literature)
6. What type of data will be collected?
7. What possible outcomes are expected?
8. What is the prevailing research in the field?
9. What has been studied previously, where is your research evidence that this is a problem and that it is a problem for the population you've identified.

You will have 5-10 minutes of your interview time to present this Problem of Practice Statement.