

MODULE 8:

THE ACTION RESEARCH

FINAL REPORT

You did it! Someone once said, “*Goals are dreams with deadlines.*” And that dream is due. You have finished all of the components of your action research paper and now is the time to put it all together. And this module is about synthesis- combining separate elements to form a coherent whole. Barry Long wrote, “*Any product of the mind is a reaction to the past, a synthesis of what is old.*”



Action Research Component

- The Action Research Report (Final Paper)

Wisconsin Teacher Standards

All 10 specifically 1K1, 1K5, 1S3, 1D1, 1D2, 6K3, 6S7, 9K1, 9K3, 9S3, 9S8, 9D2, 10B3



Reading Assignment 8:

- Craig, Chapter 8 – The Action Report
- Review APA manual § 1.06- § 1.14



Discussion Question 8:

- None



Action Assignment 8:

- Put together all of the action assignments 1-7 in one single Word document and submit a clean & corrected copy.
- Upload your Final Paper to the Assignment Area and save a copy for your portfolio in EDT 678.



Parts of an Action Research Report:

- **Title page** - see **Template** in the Course Materials
- **Abstract** – action assignment 7
- **Introduction** - action assignment 1 and 3
- **Review of Literature** – action assignment 2

- **Methodology or Design of the Study** - action assignment 4
- **Findings and Conclusions** – action assignment 5
- **Reflection and Plan of Action** – action assignment 6
- **References** – with action assignment 3
- **Appendix** – with action assignment 4 & 5



Sample Papers:

- [Action Research Journals](#) – numerous sample final reports in pdf
- [A Selection of Action Research Reports](#) – good and bad examples from another school.
- Go to **Sample Papers folder** in the Course Materials to view final papers done by Marian students (some good, some bad)



Finishing Touches:

- Is your final paper organized according to the guidelines?
- Does your narrative flow easily and logically?
- Did you check for mechanical and conventional errors?
- Did you follow APA formatting correctly, clearly and consistently?



Web Links:

- [Additional Action Research Resources](#) - Including some sample papers
- [A Short Guide to Action Research Companion Website](#) - sample forms
- **External Links** in the course shell for additional resources.



Help Files: (*aka Handouts*)

- Go to the **Tech Tips** folder in the Course Materials to find step by step instructions on the following:
 - Scanning documents
 - Tracking changes in WORD
 - Uploading assignment files
 - Uploading digital photos
 - Using the discussion area



Rubric (*shown below*)

- Action Assignment 8 – The Final Paper

MARIAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
 Department of Curriculum & Instruction
 EDT 657 - Action Research: Reporting the Findings
Action Assignment 8 – The Final Report

Name:

Cohort/School District:

Title

Grade Level:

CRITERIA	0--1.25 = Minimal 1.26--2.5 = Basic 2.6--3.75 = Proficient 3.76--5 = Advanced	Reader 1	Reader 2
Abstract Action Assignment 7	Coherent and complete description of the study in APA-block format, 150-250 words, one page; double-spaced, no spelling or grammatical errors		
Introduction Action Assignment 1 and 3	Engaging introduction; s.m.a.r.t. problem statement/research question/hypothesis, clearly stated purpose and rationale; correctly and consistently followed APA format and template guidelines; no spelling or grammatical errors		
Literature Review Action Assignment 2	Well-organized review of literature, connected own study with existing research; properly cited sources, correctly and consistently followed APA format and template guidelines; no spelling or grammatical errors		
Methodology Action Assignment 4	Stated the appropriate design of the study; purposefully triangulated data sources; clearly described context, general population subject selection, instruments/intervention and procedure; correctly and consistently followed APA format and template guidelines; no spelling or grammatical errors		
Findings Action Assignment 5	Analysis fit research question or hypothesis; applied appropriate statistical analysis for quantitative research; organized, summarized and discussed the qualitative data; plausible interpretation of results; made connections with relevant studies cited in the literature review; identified limitations of the study, correctly and consistently followed APA format and template guidelines; no spelling or grammatical errors		
Reflection Action Assignment 6	Discussed the action research process including obstacles, successes, and lessons learned; identified new and old problems that remain unresolved and recommended appropriate research questions for further study; realistic plan of action with ways to share the results; concluded with an overall summary of the research		
Figures & Tables Action Assignments 5 and 6	Use appropriate tables and figures to summarize the data; text adequately explained the tables and figures; properly labeled and formatted APA style, no spelling and grammatical errors		
References Action Assignment 2	Cited 7 or more appropriate and relevant references; all of the cited sources are current (within the last 5 years except for the classics and out-of-print books); consistently and accurately followed APA format, no spelling and grammatical errors		
Appendix Action Assignment 4 and 5	Complete and accurate Appendix including instruments and raw data; properly labeled; correct APA format		
Overall Action Assignment 8	Submitted clean final copy in one Word document on or before due date, professional and scholarly, followed APA format and template guidelines with appropriate subheadings, no spelling and grammatical errors, easy to understand, flows logically		
TOTAL		/50	/50

Note: This action assignment is 50% of your final grade in EDT 657. The other 50% will be determined by your participation in group discussions 5 & 6 and action assignments 5-7. There are no more resubmissions at this point but you are still expected to make all suggested changes addressing instructor's comments before uploading a clean copy to your portfolio for your final class – EDT678. The corrected final version will be archived at Marian University as evidence of your scholarly work.