Standards of Adequacy For Problem Statement

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General Research Area

Does the general statement of the research area imply the possibility of empirical investigation?

Does the statement restrict the scope of the study?

Does the statement give the educational context in which the problem lies?

Significance of the Problem: Will the research (one or more)

Develop knowledge of an enduring practice?

Develop theory?

Expand knowledge or theory?

Provide an extension of understanding?

Advance methodology?

Is related to a current social or political issue?

Evaluate a specific practice or policy at a given site?

Is exploratory research?

Specific Research Questions

Is the research question one that permits the collection of data which will yield an answer?

If so, is the data collectible under the present circumstances?

Ethics

Is the question and associated data collection method ethical?

Reporting

Does the statement for research indicate the framework for reporting the findings?