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Observational, Descriptive, or Cross-Sectional Research: Research that collects data through observation where researchers observe subjects and record their behavior without intervening or manipulating variables or aims to describe the characteristics of a population, or collects data from a population at a single point in time to examine relationships or characteristics within that population research, researchers observe subjects and record their behavior without intervening or manipulating variables.

Criteria	Outstanding	Good	Fair	Improvement Needed	Unsatisfactory
Value	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 point
Research Purpose & Problem Q: Is the purpose of the project clearly defined? Are the research goals clear and relevant?	The purpose and problem are exceptionally clear, well-defined, and directly related to the relevant research goals.	The purpose is clear, but the problem definition could be more specific, well-defined, or unrelated to the research goals; OR the purpose is unclear, but the problem is well defined and related to the research goals.	The purpose and problem are both somewhat vague but are related to the research goals.	The purpose and problem are both vague and are not related to the research goals.	There are no clear purpose, problem, or research goals.
Methodological Approach Q: Is the methodology appropriate for observational, descriptive, or cross-sectional research? Are the tools and techniques used well-suited to the objectives?	Methods are highly appropriate, with clear, detailed descriptions of the tools, techniques, and processes used for observational, descriptive, or cross-sectional research.	Methods are appropriate for observational, descriptive, or cross-sectional research but may lack detailed tools, techniques, or processes.	Methods are adequate for observational, descriptive, or cross-sectional research, but some aspects are underdeveloped or not fully suited to the quality goals.	Methods are weak or not well-suited for observational, descriptive, or cross- sectional research.	Methods are inappropriate or absent lacking: detailed descriptions of the tools, techniques, and process.

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Findings and outcomes Q: Are the findings clearly presented and connected to the objectives? Findings and outcomes are clear, connected to the purpose of project; provides explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Contribution to the Student's Findings and outcomes are clear, connected to the purpose of project; provides explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Contribution to the Student's Findings and outcomes are clear, connected to the purpose of project; but could be more specific or focused in the areas of; provides explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. It clearly states how Q: How significant is the Findings and outcomes are clear, connected to the purpose of project; but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Findings and outcomes are clear, connected to the purpose of project; but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. It could offer more clarity in how work advances knowledge in are clear, connected to the purpose of project; but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Findings and outcomes are clear, connected to the purpose of project but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Findings and outcomes interpreted correctly but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Findings and outcomes interpreted correctly but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Findings and outcomes interpreted correctly but without significant insight to; explanation of what was expected, discovered, accomplished, collected, produced. Findings and outcomes interp
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