

Midterm Exam Review

Social Work Research Methods

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This is your official review sheet for the midterm exam. The exam will challenge you, but you have been well prepared. To prepare yourself to do your best, use the following guide to help you prepare for topics that you may be tested on next week. Each of the chapters that we've covered so far this semester will be included on the exam. Use your pop quizzes, class notes, and powerpoint notes to supplement this study guide. You can do this! - Dr. Miller

The midterm will consist of 30 multiple choice questions and 2 short answer questions. For each chapter below, topics that you need to be prepared to be tested on are included in list form on the guide. We will discuss in class.

The Context of Social Work Research

- What are the 5 Ways of Knowing?
- What are the functions of research in social work?
- What are the roles of CSWE, NASW, and other social work research infrastructure?
- What trends support/lead to research being conducted?
- What is inductive reasoning?
- What is deductive reasoning?
- Know the errors of reasoning.

Research Problems and Research Questions

- What is the role of research on Evidence Based Practice?
- Define Exploratory Research
- Define Descriptive Research
- Define Explanatory Research
- Define/identify: Null, Research/Alternative, Directional and Non-Directional

Hypotheses

- Know the following definitions:
 - o Concept

- o Construct
- o Variable

Literature Reviews

- What are literature reviews?
 - o How do they assist researchers?
 - o What is their primary purpose?
 - o Know what's included in literature reviews:
 - Hint: A quality and thorough literature review will include each of the correct answers to this question (see notes).
 - o What is the Literature Review "Funnel?" (*Hint: Drumstick Ice Cream*)
- Know the 7 parts of a standard research paper: Title, Abstract...References

Measurement

- What is Qualitative Research?
 - o What are its strengths?
 - o What are its limitations?
- What is Quantitative Research?
 - o What are its strengths?
 - o What are its limitations?
- Know the difference between internal and external validity?
- Be able to define/identify each of the following levels of measurement:
 - o Nominal
 - o Ordinal
 - o Interval
 - o Ratio

Group Research Design and APA 101

- Know the language: What do the following represent in group research design?
 - o X
 - o O
 - o E
 - o C
 - o R
- What is the purpose of APA writing rules?
- Be able to identify correct/incorrect APA reference citations
 - o In text citations and

- Reference page citations