



THESIS & DISSERTATION ASSESSMENT CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Ratings will be on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the highest

I. Contributes to the Montessori knowledge/research base.

II. Abstract is included.

III. Disk is included.

IV. Introduction

- a. Clearly describes extent of the study to be undertaken
- b. Outlines a methodology appropriate to the study

V. Problem/Questions

- a. Building on an Introduction and Background of the study, the dissertation is focused on a significant and meaningful problem or issue in the field of Montessori.
- b. Building on the Purpose/Objectives, and the Rationale or Theoretical Basis/Framework, and Identification of the Variables, research Questions to be answered or Hypotheses to be tested are well formulated and clearly stated.
- c. The Assumptions, Delimitations, and Limitations are explicated fully, are justified and do not impinge on the study.
- d. Significance/Importance of the study is well established.
- e. The anticipated results or methodology of the study have widespread interest, provide a basis for generalized conclusions, or have practical applicability.
- f. The chapter concludes with a Summary of the preceding components and a preview of what is to follow in the remaining chapters.

VI. Related Literature

- a. Provides evidence of extensive range of reading.
- b. Includes a review of the relevant literature.
- c. States explicitly the links between the review and area of study proposed.

VII. Methodology

- a. The research design clearly states and justifies the use of a specific qualitative or quantitative paradigm.
- b. Methodologies derive logically from problem or issue statement.
- c. Stages of the methodology are all specified and logically related. The proposal describes the methodological procedures to be followed.

VIII. Findings

- a. The process by which the data is analyzed and interpreted is clearly presented.
- b. The analysis logically and sequentially answers all the research questions, or supports or fails to support all hypotheses.

IX. Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

- a. The findings are logically and systematically summarized.
- b. Conclusions are derived from all that the data analysis revealed.
- c. The recommendations flow logically from the conclusions and are useful.

X. Overall Writing Style

- a. The dissertation is written in scholarly language.
- b. Grammar, punctuation, and spelling are correct.
- c. The writing is clear, precise and avoids redundancy.
- d. There is an accurate use of references.
- e. In-text citations are found in the bibliography.