

Week 4 Discussion: Designs - A Plan to Study for the Truth

Discussion Questions

This week we learned how research designs are different and help us to objectively study nursing problems; the key is to decide which type of research and design will serve the purpose or intent to find a solution. After completing Week 4 readings and lesson, answer the following:

- Reflect on your learning about Quantitative and Qualitative research; share two ways that helped you understand how they are different.
- Choose one category of study design that you found interesting and describe; include what you learned about the design and how you believe it can help study nursing problems.
- Refer back to your clinical nursing priority problem and evidence you located for your week 3 assignment: The nursing-evidenced practice (NEBP) committee has requested for you to make a recommendation to the team: Describe the type of research and the design that you believe would be the best way to study your problem. Discuss your rationale.

Answer

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Prior to taking this class, I could not easily identify the differences between quantitative and qualitative research. After reading the lesson, the text, and researching, I learned there are distinct differences in these two types of research. Our text discusses that quantitative research is a traditional approach that identifies and measures variables while qualitative research focuses on the individual's response and understanding from an experience (Houser, 2018).