

Sample Phd Viva Questions And Answers

Written in clear, straight-forward language, Examining Doctoral Work considers how the practice of doctoral examination can be improved to ensure that both examiners and students can make the most of the assessment process. This book analyses both good and bad practice to promote fair, thorough and productive examination. With insight into how to prepare for a viva, as well as a consideration of the responsibilities afterwards, the book de-mystifies this crucial part of the doctoral examination process to provide a comprehensive overview of the principles, criteria and processes needed to ensure success. Key points covered include: The different forms doctoral submission can take How examiners are chosen Where to begin when reading a thesis Managing your time as an examiner What makes a 'good' doctoral thesis? How to prepare for the viva How to develop a preliminary report The role of the supervisor before, during and after the viva Examiners' roles and responsibilities Working through agreements and disagreements Feeding back both orally and in writing. Drawing from a mixture of personal experience, existing research and anecdote, this book is ideal reading for anyone new to the world of doctoral examination, or equally those looking to improve their practice.

This book gives a broad overview of the issues faced by early career academics and explores a variety of topics from curriculum planning to employability. Fully updated throughout, key features of this second edition include: Two new chapters on HE assessment and becoming a supervisor New case studies in every chapter What 'the TEF' means for universities This is essential reading for higher education faculty undertaking professional development courses, such as the PG Certificate in Academic Practice (PGCAP), the PG Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (PGCTLHE/PGHE) and related courses, and also for early career academics wishing to deepen their understanding of contemporary higher education.

Returning in its 3rd edition, this bestselling book on the process of PhD research provides friendly, engaging, and realistic advice on how to complete your doctorate. Updated throughout, the book will guide you through the basics as well as covering aspects that other books don't usually mention, including: • What a PhD is really about and how to do one well • How to decipher what your supervisor actually means by terms like 'good referencing' and 'clean research question' • How to design, report and defend your research The authors offer an accessible, down-to-earth, and insightful account of the whole PhD process. Their advice addresses how to avoid some of the pitfalls en route to a successful submission. Key features: • Thinking about your career from the outset of your PhD (rather than at the end) • Tips for "sniffing" a paper to make your reading quicker and more efficient • Understanding cultural differences in research • Networking for research success • Sensible guidelines for using social media in your research • Guidance on project management – especially important for part-time students The Unwritten Rules of PhD Research is essential reading for anyone considering a PhD, embarking on one, or stuck in the middle and unsure where to turn. It will tell you things many students wish someone had told them before they started. “The course of a PhD never did ‘run smooth’. This new edition of unwritten rules covers everything the doctoral student needs to know for a smoother passage with informal yet scholarly advice, ranging from improving the writing process, creating networks, completing the thesis, and even what to wear for the viva – a complete guide to the tacit guidelines sometimes left unsaid.” Professor Jerry Wellington, University of Sheffield, UK

This book is designed specifically for Master's degree and PhD students working on developing their thesis. It is a practical book designed to guide students from the initial stages of research proposal preparation to final stages of thesis report writing. It further gives proper guidance on how to approach the thesis defense and how one can go further in publication of articles in peer reviewed journals or turning the thesis to a book.

A Career Guide for Scholars

International Conference on Gender Research

Achieving Your Doctorate While Working in Higher Education

What Else You Can Do With a PH.D.

Guidelines and Examples

A Practical Guide to Start and Complete your Dissertation, Thesis, or Formal Research Project

How to excel in your doctoral viva offers an accessible guide to approaching and preparing for a PhD viva examination. The book explains what the viva is, how the process works, and what the purpose of the viva is. It guides the reader through the course of preparing for their viva examination, with chapters focusing on organisation to dealing with viva concerns. Contributions from over 25 academics ranging from critical care to theology provide a unique insight into the experiences of PhD candidates and examiners, and make this book an invaluable resource for students completing PhDs across the sciences. The book's contents is a large inventory of numerous topics relevant to DL job interviews and graduate level exams. That places this work at the forefront of the growing trend in science to teach a core set of practical mathematical and computational skills. It is widely accepted that the training of every computer scientist must include the fundamental theorems of ML, and AI appears in the curriculum of nearly every university. This volume is designed as an excellent reference for graduates of such programs.

This volume works through each stage of a geography, environmental science or geology dissertation, from deciding what topic to work on, through design and research and collecting data, to handing in the final bound volume. It suggests practical ways of tackling the tasks involved

The PhD Viva Toolkit100 Sample Questions and 25+ Tips to Prepare You for the Oral Examination

Deep Learning Interviews

Answering Tough Interview Questions For Dummies - UK

The Doctoral Examination Process

The Essential Guide To Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job

A Counselor's Guide to the Dissertation Process

Dissertation and Scholarly Research: Recipes for Success: 2018 Edition

Designing, Doing, Delivering

Designing and writing a qualitative dissertation methodology chapter can be done! Qualitative Dissertation Methodology: A Guide for Research Design and Methods functions as a dissertation advisor to help students construct and write a qualitative methodological framework for their research. Drawing from the challenges author Nathan Durdella has experienced while supervising students, the book breaks down producing the dissertation chapter into smaller pieces and goes through each portion of the methodology process step by step. With a warm and supportive tone, he walks students through the process from the very start, from choosing chairs and developing qualitative support networks to outlining the qualitative chapter and delving into the writing. By the end of the book, students will have completed the most challenging chapter of a qualitative dissertation and laid a strong foundation for the rest of their dissertation work. Corresponding videos featuring the author help concepts come alive for your students. Learn more: Developing Skills in Formulating Qualitative Research Questions Key Skills in Writing a Qualitative Research Proposal Available with Perusall—an eBook that makes it easier to prepare for class! Perusall is an award-winning eBook platform featuring social annotation tools that allow students and instructors to collaboratively mark up and discuss their SAGE textbook. Backed by research and supported by technological innovations developed at Harvard University, this process of learning through collaborative annotation keeps your students engaged and makes teaching easier and more effective. Learn more.

A handbook to help students prepare for vivas. It presents real examples of questions and strategies for answering them; case studies of where vivas can go right or wrong; planning tools and a preparation framework; and verbal strategies to do justice to the thesis.

This volume examines the diversified and challenging experiences of Chinese international STEM doctoral students at Australian institutes of higher education, exploring how intersections between research, personal life and social experiences can be negotiated to achieve academic success and personal transformation. By drawing on a range of qualitative and longitudinal research methods, the book foregrounds student narratives and utilizes a novel three-dimensional multi-world framework as an effective approach for understanding student experiences in a holistic way. It integrates Chinese philosophical perspectives and theories in the fields of educational psychology, international education, and doctoral education to interpret nuances, complexity, and particularities of the cross-cultural STEM PhD experience, highlighting the importance of the supervisor-mentee relationship and the role of students' cultural, social, and philosophical values in supporting their successful completion of the PhD. The analysis thus provides new insights into the ways in which these experiences vary across students, and might apply in other national contexts, and to non-STEM student cohorts. This book will be a valuable resource for researchers and academics engaged in cross-cultural education, the sociology of education, and international and comparative education. It will be of particular interest to those with a focus on international doctoral education and cultural Asian studies.

This co-edited book provides doctoral candidates with a practical, cross-discipline handbook for successfully navigating the doctoral process – from initial program selection to the final dissertation defense and preparing for the faculty interview. Invited chapters from established higher education experts cover topics ranging from university and program selection, preparing for comprehensive exams and dissertation research, self-care and self-management strategies, and recommendations for maintaining personal and professional support systems. Each chapter includes strategies for success and practical tips, including how to create a study guide for the comprehensive examination, how to create a professional support group, how to talk to your family about the doctoral process, how to select and work with a chair and committee, how to identify an appropriate research design, how to navigate the IRB process, and how to master the research and writing process.

Completing Your Qualitative Dissertation

Chasing Moments of Truth

A Road Map From Beginning to End

The Professor Is In

Navigating the Doctoral Journey

How to Prepare for Your Oral Examination

101 Careers in Counseling, Second Edition

This title focuses specifically on how doctoral candidates can raise levels of thinking about their topic, their research process and their contributions to knowledge. It emphasises the nature of conceptualisation sought by examiners within theses.

*The viva is the oral examination of your PhD thesis. It's the last step towards that "Dr." title and is not to be taken lightly. But that doesn't mean it should be feared. This book will help you to approach the viva with confidence. It includes insights into what your examiners are looking for as well as a useful guide to the steps you can take to make sure you are fully prepared to defend your thesis. The toolkit includes 100 sample questions to help you anticipate what the examiners might ask you about *your research question*the literature*your methodology*your findings and conclusions*the contribution your research makes*your development as a researcher, and*your future plans. It also provides more than 25 tips to help you prepare effectively for the viva, and to help you to be at your best on the day.*

This title, from Gordon Rugg and Marian Petre, discusses the unwritten rules of the academic world, the things people forget to tell you about doing a doctorate.

The encouraging book that has guided thousands of students step by step through crafting a strong dissertation proposal is now in a thoroughly revised second edition. It includes new guidance for developing methodology-specific problem statements, an expanded discussion of the literature review, coverage of the four-chapter dissertation model, and more. Terrell demonstrates how to write each chapter of the proposal, including the problem statement, purpose statement, and research questions and hypotheses; literature review; and detailed plans for data collection and analysis. "Let's Start Writing" exercises serve as building blocks for drafting a complete proposal. Other user-friendly features include case-study examples from diverse disciplines, "Do You Understand?" checklists, and end-of-chapter practice tests with answers.

*Appendices present an exemplary proposal written three ways to demonstrate quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approaches, and discuss how to structure a four-chapter dissertation. New to This Edition *Introduction offering a concise overview of the entire proposal-writing process and the doctoral experience. *Additional help with tailoring problem and purpose statements for quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies. *Expanded discussion of the review of literature, including a criterion for judging the quality of primary versus secondary sources. *Many new examples from different disciplines, such as studies of depression treatments, approaches to reducing offender recidivism, health effects of irradiated crops, strength training in college football, and remote teaching and learning during COVID-19. *Focus on the five-chapter model is broadened to include specific guidance for four-chapter dissertations. *Broader, more detailed reference list and glossary.*

The Unwritten Rules of PhD Research

A Scholarship of Doctoral Education

Planning and Passing Your PhD Defence

A Handbook of Strategies for Success

How To Do Your Dissertation in Geography and Related Disciplines

Academic Practice

A Guide for Research Design and Methods

Undertaking a part-time doctorate when you're working full-time in higher education can be daunting. This guide gives you realistic and reassuring support for the complexities and challenges you might face. Each chapter helps you map the next step in your doctoral journey, from discovering your motivations and making important decisions about where to study, to preparing for thesis submission and your viva - and how to navigate the 'after' when you've completed your doctorate. The book: Gives you honest, down-to-earth advice about how to navigate professional and personal challenges, such as continuing professional development and maintaining motivation. Discusses unique tensions additionally faced by academics studying in their own institution, such as managing supervisory relationships. Showcases a diverse range of student experiences, with over 20 case studies of postgraduate researchers. Includes practical activities and reflective questions to help you make the right decisions for you. You can also find templates for helpful techniques, such as doing a SWOT analysis, and a collection of carefully-chosen weblinks to handy resources, such as funding information, on the book's website. This book is a companion for anyone undertaking doctoral research while working in an academic post.

This engaging and highly regarded book takes readers through the key stages of their PhD research journey, from the initial ideas through to successful completion and publication. It gives helpful guidance on forming research questions, organising ideas, pulling together a final draft, handling the viva and getting published. Each chapter contains a wealth of practical suggestions and tips for readers to try out and adapt to their own research needs and disciplinary style. This text will be essential reading for PhD students and their supervisors in humanities, arts, social sciences, business, law, health and related disciplines.

This engaging book not only offers step-by-step guidance on planning, writing, and defending a dissertation but also helps create a beginning-to-end process that is meaningful, rewarding, and exciting. Each chapter answers commonly asked questions, contains a checklist for each part of the dissertation, provides a summary of key points, and lists additional resources. Topics addressed include tips for staying motivated, time management, and self-care; selecting a dissertation committee and narrowing down the topic; writing a proposal; preparing the literature review; creating the problem statement, purpose statement, and research questions; understanding research methodology and ethics; collecting and analyzing data; presenting results; and best of all—publishing a dissertation. *Requests for digital versions from the ACA can be found on wiley.com. *To request print copies, please visit the ACA website here. *Reproduction requests for material from books published by ACA should be directed to permissions@counseling.org

What Else You can Do With a PhD provides concrete advice and support for readers moving out of academia. The authors cover all the big issues including skill and interest assessment, writing an effective curriculum vitae and cover letters, preparing for interviews and evaluating job offers.

A Global Toolbox for Success

How to Excel in Your Doctoral Viva

EBOOK: Supervising the Doctorate

On becoming a researcher

How To Survive Your Viva: Defending A Thesis In An Oral Examination

Defending a Thesis in an Oral Examination

Writing Your Doctoral Dissertation or Thesis Faster

The 'Insider Guides to Success in Academia' offers support and practical advice to doctoral students and early-career researchers. Covering the topics that really matter, but which often get overlooked, this indispensable series provides practical and realistic guidance to address many of the needs and challenges of trying to operate, and remain, in academia. These neat pocket guides fill specific and significant gaps in current literature. Each book offers insider perspectives on the often implicit rules of the game -- the things you need to know but usually aren't told by institutional postgraduate support, researcher development units, or supervisors -- and will address a practical topic that is key to career progression. They are essential reading for doctoral students, early-career researchers, supervisors, mentors, or anyone looking to launch or maintain their career in academia. This book is a toolbox for PhD students to plan and prepare for the PhD defence regardless of their scientific discipline or location. The authors discuss various defence formats that are used internationally and identify the main differences and similarities. With international examples, practical strategies, and tips from former PhD students and supervisors, this book unpacks the principles and unwritten rules underpinning the defence. Addressing planning and preparing for the doctoral defence, and what to do afterwards, this book covers topics such as: understanding your defence format preparing for committee questions preparing mentally and dealing with anxiety dealing with corrections, finalizing your graduation requirements and marking the end of your PhD trajectory. This book is crucial reading for students across the world looking to defend their PhD thesis, and also for their supervisors and examiners.

The definitive career guide for grad students, adjuncts, post-docs and anyone else eager to get tenure or turn their Ph.D. into their ideal job Each year tens of thousands of students will, after years of hard work and enormous amounts of money, earn their Ph.D. And each year only a small percentage of them will land a job that justifies and rewards their investment. For every comfortably tenured professor or well-paid former academic, there are countless underpaid and overworked adjuncts, and many more who simply give up in frustration. Those who do make it share an important asset that separates them from the pack: they have a plan. They understand exactly what they need to do to set themselves up for success. They know what really moves the needle in academic job searches, how to avoid the all-too-common mistakes that sink so many of their peers, and how to decide when to point their Ph.D. toward other, non-academic options. Karen Kelsky has made it her mission to help readers join the select few who get the most out of their Ph.D. As a former tenured professor and department head who oversaw numerous academic job searches, she knows from experience exactly what gets an academic applicant a job. And as the creator of the popular and widely respected advice site The Professor is In, she has helped countless Ph.D.'s turn themselves into stronger applicants and land their dream careers. Now, for the first time ever, Karen has poured all her best advice into a single handy guide that addresses the most important issues facing any Ph.D., including: -When, where, and what to publish -Writing a foolproof grant application -Cultivating references and crafting the perfect CV -Acing the job talk and campus interview -Avoiding the adjunct trap -Making the leap to nonacademic work, when the time is right The Professor Is In addresses all of these issues, and many more.

Early careers researchers and academics receive little to no on-going training for providing support to doctoral students. In light of this, this book addresses the needs of prospective and current supervisors of doctoral students, by providing you with guidance on: • Engaging with the process of selecting researchers and developing reliable expectations, • Identifying the most effective supervisory style and your role in shaping students' skills, • How you can contribute to your students' progress and reflective practices, • Your role in the final assessment stages, and how your support can extend beyond their studies. Through a wide range of multidisciplinary case studies, you will find valuable guidance on how to support your students, and be empowered in the process.

This book makes the case for a revival in interest in the viva. As an oral assessment of a treatise or dissertation or of a student's performance in art or dance the viva has a long history dating back to the time of the Greeks. It can be found today in the form of professional, vocational and academic vivas, where a judgment of oral performance is required to gain entry into a profession or community of scholars. In a time when there are scandals about students selling essays to other students, the viva provides a fertile ground for probing the work being assessed and know its content and how to think cognitively or otherwise. Given that we actually know so little about the viva, the book theorises the viva based on a unique sample of vivas that have been filmed or in which the author himself has been participant, and discusses why its format is so different in Anglo-Saxon languages and Latin and other languages. The book offers educational policy-makers and examiners a trade-off between arguments in support of the viva and the demand for other, ever more cost-effective forms of assessment as the numbers of both undergraduate and postgraduate students threaten to increase. It also argues that with demand in the labour market for qualified graduates who are better equipped with transferable skills, such as the ability to communicate complex ideas verbally in a competent, well-argued fashion and not merely through the use of rhetoric, what appear to be cost-effective forms of assessment in the short run (e.g. written exams with standardised questions or multiple choice) may actually in the long run be of less value if we are investing in a future workforce with so-called 21st century communication skills. If the viva were abandoned, the student would be robbed of the opportunity to stage a defence.

EBOOK: A Social Science Student's Guide to Surviving your PhD

Stepping Stones To Achieving Your Doctorate: By Focusing On Your Viva From The Start

Developing as a Professional in Higher Education

The Unwritten Rules of PhD Research 3e

Authoring a PhD

Focusing on your viva from the start

Where to Start and How to Finish

How to Survive Your Viva.

Job search is and always has been an integral part of people's working lives. Whether one is brand new to the labor market or considered a mature, experienced worker, job seekers are regularly met with new challenges in a variety of organizational settings. Edited by Ute-Christine Klehe and Edwin A.J. van Hooft, The Oxford Handbook of Job Loss and Job Search provides readers with one of the first comprehensive overviews of the latest research and empirical knowledge in the areas of job loss and job search. Multidisciplinary in nature, Klehe, van Hooft, and their contributing authors offer fascinating insight into the diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives from which job loss and job search have been studied, such as psychology, sociology, labor studies, and economics. Discussing the antecedents and consequences of job loss, as well as outside circumstances that may necessitate a more rigorous job hunt, this Handbook presents in-depth and up-to-date knowledge on the methods and processes of this important time in one's life. Further, it examines the unique circumstances faced by different populations during their job search, such as those working job-to-job, the unemployed, mature job seekers, international job seekers, and temporary employed workers. Job loss and unemployment are among the worst stressors individuals can encounter during their lifetimes. As a result, this Handbook concludes with a discussion of the various types of interventions developed to aid the unemployed. Further, it offers readers important insights and identifies best practices for both scholars and practitioners working in the areas of job loss, unemployment, career transitions, outplacement, and job search.

'It also incorporates a wealth of information that most supervisors and examiners only acquire through years of experience... this book deserves to be widely read and, if it is, it should contribute to an improvement in the quality of both research degree examining and the student's performance at the viva.' Professor Diana Woodward, University Director of Research, Napier University, Edinburgh and retiring UKCGE Executive Committee Member 'importantly the book deals with perspectives of all three concerned parties, i.e., the candidate, examiner and supervisor. It is . . . a very useful guide to appreciate and prepare for the different stages of the doctoral examination process.' Higher Education Quarterly What is the viva and how can students prepare for it? What should supervisors consider when selecting PhD examiners? How should examiners assess a doctoral thesis and conduct the viva? The doctoral examination process has been shrouded in mystery and has been a source of anxiety and concern for students, supervisors and examiners alike. But now help is at hand. This book sheds new light on the process, providing constructive ways of understanding the doctoral examination, preparing for it and undertaking it. This book stands alone in the field due to the extensive research undertaken by the authors. Over a four year period, surveys and interviews were undertaken with candidates and academics from a wide range of disciplines throughout Britain. Outcomes and ideas from the research have been united to provide the most comprehensive information available. Real life accounts and case studies are combined with useful advice, tasks and checklists to create an illuminating handbook. This user-friendly book is a vital resource for anyone involved in the doctoral process. No doctoral candidate, examiner or supervisor should be without it.

A concise, flexible and wonderfully written textbook which supports undergraduate geography students throughout the stressful dissertation process. Divided into three sections - Designing, Doing and Delivering – it is a complete overview of the key skills needed to prepare, research, and write a successful dissertation.

The Oxford Handbook of Job Loss and Job Search

Chinese Students and the Experience of International Doctoral Study in STEM

Qualitative Dissertation Methodology

Research Methods: Masters and Phd Students Handbook

Writing a Proposal for Your Dissertation

Exploring Principles, Criteria and Processes

Building an Evidence-Based Practice

A guide to stunning your interviewer with perfect answers to stumping questions In today's competitive job market, a stellar interview lends you an edge over the competition, which can make or break your chances at a new career. Answering Tough Interview Questions For Dummies, 2nd Edition teaches you how to perform professionally and productively under stressful interview conditions. With this handy guide, you'll learn to breeze through tricky questions and accentuate your most impressive qualities. This updated second edition features a ten-step guide to having a great interview, ten tips for projecting confidence, ten techniques for trouble-shooting your job search, 200 tough sample interview questions with detailed advice and model answers, proven strategies to combat nerves, and guidelines for perfecting your social media presence and handling questions that may arise from an online search. There is no need to enter an interview feeling unprepared with this guide by your side. Rob Yeung's holistic approach helps you make a positive first impression Shows you how to prepare to answer questions regarding your online presences (and how to avoid embarrassing search results) Provides essential preparation so that you can familiarize yourself with tricky questions before embarking on the stressful interviewing process Whether you're an entry-level worker or a mid-level professional, Answering Tough Interview Questions For Dummies prepares you to blow the competition away with your poised and professional responses.

A Dissertation Guide for Professional Learners Doctoral education has changed dramatically over the last three decades. Traditionally, pursuit of a doctoral or research credential involved intense study at a large, traditional research university, and was reserved for those seeking careers in academia or research. The process of completing doctoral level work at traditional universities usually required a commitment to full time study, varied tremendously between institutions, and was often somewhat mysterious. Today, all this has changed. The emergence and growth of online education has led to a proliferation of doctoral learning possibilities for busy professionals. Individuals in the industry, nonprofit, and education are sectors are pursuing doctoral study as a means to advance their careers, increase their market value in the workplace, and establish their professional stature. If this sounds like you, then you have come to the right place. Recipes for Success is the book that will launch you on a successful quest for the doctoral degree. Dissertations are very personal endeavors and accomplishments, originating with problems and issues that are meaningful and important to the doctoral learner. These professionals are deeply grounded in their understanding of the issues and needs of their profession. Recipes build on this this understanding, helping learners to discover and frame issues they are passionate about, and construct a credible and influential research study around this passion. While most dissertation guides focus largely or exclusively on the mechanics of writing and organization, Recipes approaches dissertation development as an iterative process of thinking and self-reflection that leads learners to discover what matters most to them and to their professions, and enables them to frame this meaning into a research problem and purpose, and to organize and execute a study design to fit, and thus solve the problem and achieve the purpose. From the very beginning of your doctoral journey to the ultimate achievement of degree completion, this book is your guide to the process and content of dissertation and research creation. In Recipes for Success, we articulate a process by which you can build the pieces of a successful and influential dissertation. Using a workbook approach rich in tools, templates, frameworks, examples, web integration, and hard-won lessons from experience, Recipes provides a friendly, easy to navigate process crafting issues and ideas into research and results. Based on our 40+ years of collective experience in the online educational setting, mentoring over 300 professional learners to success in completing their doctorates (including numerous award winners), we identify the most important factors for success and the traps to avoid. Whether you are considering doctoral study, are already in a doctoral program, or are working to develop and complete your dissertation, you will find Recipes for Success a key ingredient in your success as a doctoral learner. Our graduates tell us that Recipes is THE book that made a difference in their doctoral career and success. YOU can do it too! Good luck on your doctoral journey! "This publication represents a thorough updating of an earlier book that was, in its own right, very useful. The second edition . . . is a significant improvement on its predecessor and I cannot recommend it highly enough for novice or experienced doctoral supervisors." Journal of Adult and Continuing Education How can I get my students to produce good theses on time? My last student failed! What could I have done to prevent it? I am supposed to train the new supervisors in my faculty; where can I get some good ideas? This new edition of Supervising the Doctorate still provides everything you ever wanted to know about the doctoral supervision but were afraid to ask! It includes: New material on supervising professional doctoral theses A new chapter on the changing policy context in higher education Latest research findings Experiential material from staff development sessions throughout the United Kingdom and New Zealand Now that supervisor training is compulsory, this practical, no-nonsense handbook is essential reading for both the novice and the experienced higher degree supervisor. For novices there is a developmental sequence of advice, guiding them through all stages of supervision from the first meeting to the viva and beyond. For experienced supervisors there are fresh ideas on how to improve practice and solve problems. Grounded in research, this book is invaluable to academics in all disciplines. At a time when there is increasing pressure to ensure 'quality' provision, to improve the doctoral completion rate, and to turn out employable graduates, the need for a practical guide is obvious. An essential item for every academic's bookshelf.

A doctoral dissertation is arguably the most important journey that students will embark upon in their professional careers, so smart travelers will want E. Alana James and Tracesea H. Slater's Writing Your Doctoral Dissertation or Thesis Faster: A Proven Map to Success at their fingertips. James and Slater identify the key places and challenges that create extra stress during the dissertation process, and offer effective strategies and tools to address those challenges and ensure academic success. Their map walks readers through each step of the process, including:

- determining the research topic,
- choosing appropriate methods,
- turning a hypothesis into a study,
- completing a literature review,
- writing and defending a proposal,
- collecting and analyzing data,
- writing up the study, and
- ultimately defending the dissertation.

Building on years of experience with doctoral students, the authors provide a comprehensive, yet easy-to-use tool that encourages student reflection; includes student stories, hints, and writing tips; and provides end-of-chapter checklists and ideas for incorporating social media. With the proven techniques and guidance of this indispensable and applied book, doctoral students will finish their thesis or dissertation—faster!

How to Plan, Draft, Write and Finish a Doctoral Thesis or Dissertation

Supervising to Inspire Doctoral Researchers

The PhD Viva

Understanding Nursing Research

A Proven Map to Success

The PhD Viva Toolkit

The Good Supervisor

This engaging book outlines effective strategies for supervising students on a wide variety of research projects, whether at undergraduate or postgraduate level. It covers each stage of the research journey and provides guidance on working with students to define research topics, select appropriate methodologies, write up theses and prepare for the viva. It also supports supervisors in establishing and maintaining good supervisory practices, and shows how supervisors can help students to help themselves. This will be essential reading for supervisors of undergraduate or postgraduate research projects, dissertations and theses. It is also an ideal resource for student researchers looking to get the most out of their relationship with their supervisor. New to this Edition: - New content on cross-cultural supervision, online distance supervision and sustaining research communities and networks

As the bestselling nursing research text, Understanding Nursing Research: Building an Evidence-Based Practice, 6th Edition offers unique insights into understanding, appraising, and applying published research to evidence-based practice. It is known for its authoritative content, time-tested systematic approach, and unique research example format — newly redesigned for the sixth edition to better demonstrate how the steps of the research process relate to evidence-based nursing. "This would be excellent for student nurses, nurses new to research or any nurse with an interest in research." Reviewed by: Helen Reeves, St Giles Walsall Hospice on behalf of Nursing Times, December 2015 Authoritative content is written by two of the true pioneers in nursing research, who offer unique, first-hand insights into the field. Research examples provide practice in working with published studies, with many of the examples including Critical Appraisal and Implications for Practice sections. Clear, step-by-step organization introduces the research process and demonstrates how this systematic framework relates to evidence-based practice. Strong emphasis on evidence-based practice helps you develop skills in studying and appraising published research, so you are prepared for your role in working with research evidence. Critical Appraisal Guidelines boxes provide step-by-step guidance in appraising published research studies. Emphasis on critical appraisal versus critique reflects contemporary usage in nursing research and evidence-based practice. Balanced coverage of qualitative research prepares you to approach research questions and clinical questions with an unbiased view of the researcher's methodology. Presentation of two different appraisal processes covers both the traditional in-depth critical appraisal process that prepares you for graduate-level work in research, and the concise, practice-focused research appraisal process that equips you for quick and accurate evaluation of the applicability of research findings to clinical practice. NEW! Redesigned research example format includes research examples have been thoroughly redesigned with a clear hierarchy of subcategories. NEW! Improved focus on need-to-know content and greater use of bulleting, creative illustrations, and tables, employs a more consistent, streamlined approach from chapter to chapter. NEW! Updated research examples ensure you are learning through the most clinically relevant topics and studies. NEW! Detailed directions on how to critically appraise research syntheses - such as systematic reviews, meta-analyses, meta-syntheses, and mixed-methods systematic reviews - increase your understanding of the types of research syntheses conducted in nursing and how to determine the quality of these syntheses and the relevance of their findings for practice. NEW! A unique emphasis on QSEN, aided by the input of a QSEN consultant, increases the book's relevance to national curriculum standards and promotes the safe practice of nursing by using the most current research. NEW! Chapter on the Enhanced Literature Review provides guidelines for structure of reviews written for different purposes. NEW! More practically focused chapter on Outcomes Research better addresses the trending topic of outcomes research. NEW! Expanded coverage of mixed-methods research and translational research responds to the growing emphasis on these research emphases. NEW! Expanded coverage of cultural competency and cultural validity provides valuable information for providing care to diverse populations and understanding the validity of research instruments in various cultures. NEW! Quick-reference tools include a Brief Table of Contents, a new Levels of Knowledge illustration, and other evidence-based practice information inside the front cover. A Research Designs and Statistical Analysis Techniques Reference and a new Key to Statistical Symbols are located inside the back cover. NEW! Enhanced illustration program incorporates re-colored illustrations and additional full-color illustrations in each chapter. NEW! Additional design enhancements include a special 1-column adaptation of the RN Design standard, table row separators, and newly designed chapter openers.

This edited collection is cohesive by a focus on becoming: becoming a doctoral student, becoming a researcher, becoming an academic, and becoming a supervisor. This journey of becoming takes us from pre-enrolment in a doctoral programme, through the many phases of candidature and into the post-doctoral environment. Both advancing theory, and providing very practical examples, this book is of immense value to doctoral students and academics not only in South Africa - for whom it should be a mandatory read - but also for doctoral education researchers, doctoral students and supervisors worldwide, as the themes covered extend well beyond the borders of South Africa.

Praise for the First Edition: " This excellent career guide will be valuable for students, young professionals, and those interested in a second career in counseling. " --Choice Fully updated, the second edition of this comprehensive, easy-to-use guide explores the wealth of diverse career opportunities in both traditional and non-traditional counseling settings. It provides up-to-date information on occupational outlooks, best and most challenging aspects of each job, and profiles of real-life counselors that provide insight into the core of the profession. Each career is consistently formatted to include an overview of the profession, salary range, employment prospects, and educational and licensing requirements. The book also examines the pros and cons of different types of educational programs including online curricula. Additionally, this resource provides guidance for financing your education and the job search process. Helpful checklists and questionnaires for current counseling professionals who seek a change, those in graduate programs, and those new to the profession, help readers to make well-informed choices. New to the Second Edition: Completely updated to reflect significant changes in the field New Bureau of Labor occupational outlook Updated and expanded coverage of educational requirements, licensure, and continuing education Highlights new and emerging careers Special focus on careers in mindfulness practice, trauma counseling, international counseling, art therapy, and in-hospital and in-patient settings New profiles of real-life counselors Enhanced coverage of social media, networking sites, and search engines Key Features: Includes helpful career development tools such as checklists and questionnaires, job-hunting websites, networking tips, and more Provides salary range, employment prospects, and best and worst aspects of each job Offers guidance on educational requirement, licensure, and continuing education

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Completing Your Qualitative Dissertation offers comprehensive step-by-step guidance and practical tools for navigating the personal and professional challenges that can arise during the qualitative dissertation journey. Authors Linda Dale Bloomberg and Maria Volpe skillfully blend the conceptual, theoretical, and practical, empowering readers to successfully master both the content and the process of their qualitative dissertations. The Fourth Edition has been thoroughly updated to respond to developments in the field, allowing the book to have wider application for dissertation work within the evolving world of qualitative inquiry. Included in this edition is a new chapter titled "Achieving Alignment Throughout Your Dissertation," a greater focus on how all qualitative traditions can encompass activist research and social justice inquiry, and enhanced coverage on the role of the researcher, emphasizing the importance of reflexivity and approaching research critically.

This book is written by a successful survivor! This clear and supportive text provides a detailed synthesis of, and rationale for, the key issues involved in a PhD and is highly recommended for anyone contemplating embarking on a PhD programme - it should be read from start to finish before

starting the journey and consulted at regular intervals throughout the journey using the lists of dos and don'ts as checklists at strategic milestones along the way. Professor Eleri Jones, Professor Emerita, Cardiff Metropolitan University Dr Iornem presents the topic of a PhD journey in the same way as he undertook the journey itself: with enthusiasm and joy. Any student wanting to tackle this daunting task should use this book as a guide and as a motivator. Dr Iornem recognizes the hurdles and the fears which face a research student and addresses them with realism, pragmatism and humour, based on his own personal experiences. Dr John Koenigsberger, PhD supervisor: Cardiff Metropolitan University; University of Wales, Trinity St. Davids From development of the research proposal to preparing for the viva voce and post-doctoral career options, this handy survival guide provides an invaluable source of advice and inside knowledge on the entire PhD process. All stages are explained in simple terms, and potential pitfalls are clearly highlighted, along with how to avoid them. This accessible, informative and engaging book is highly recommended as essential reading to anyone considering undertaking a PhD. Dr Hillary J. Shaw, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Urban Research on Austerity, De Montfort University The doctorate is an emotional and academic journey, filled with dilemmas and obstacles that are normal for every student. Offering a new perspective to help navigate and adjust to a new environment and culture of learning, this book seeks to answer questions like: •What if my research is not up to a PhD standard? •What makes a thesis original? •What if I cannot finish the course before the stipulated 3-year period? •What kind of training do I need before commencing a PhD? Drawn from the author's own experience, alongside the stories of other students and graduates, the book illustrates possible solutions to the academic and emotional challenges faced by today's PhD student. Key features: 1.Reflections from contemporary PhD students and graduates. 2.Comprehensive table of contents including research, proposal writing, avoiding plagiarism, publishing, and preparing for the viva voce. 3.Accessible and practical approach to the common problems faced by today's doctoral students. 4.Conversational style for an easy-to-read experience, particularly useful for international students whose first language is not English. 5.Simplified coverage of the research journey in a logical step-by-step format from pre-application to the final Thesis Defence. Essential reading for students and supervisors, A Social Science Student's Guide to Surviving Your PhD will also be of use to international students seeking to gain further insight into the application process and the demands of research degrees in the UK. Dr Kohol Shadrach Iornem is a senior lecturer at the International Foundation Group, London, UK, where he teaches Business Management, Organisational Behaviour and Study Skills. He is also the Director of Programmes at London Graduate School. This indispensable book helps PhD candidates to understand the viva process and to prepare and present their work in the best possible manner. With concrete guidance, examples and activities throughout, it covers everything from the constitution of the PhD viva panel and how to prepare as the event draws closer to typical questions and how to answer them. Chapters are enriched with authentic case studies and insights from successful PhD graduates. This text is suitable for PhD and other doctoral degree students across all disciplines, and helpful to supervisors and examiners.