

## **The Review of Literature: Weaving the Threads of the Literature with Relevancy and Fitness**

This week, you focus on Chapter 2 and the review of literature. The Capstone Template outlines the structure of Chapter 2 will be as:

### **Chapter Two: Review of the Literature**

A. Introduction

B. Review of relevant literature. The four headings below are required sections; however, please feel free to use additional subheadings as needed.

1. Historical Background
2. Theoretical Framework
3. Current Research and Development (What are the current practices and how does the new research link to your project?)
4. Chapter Summary: How the literature discussed in the ROL is applicable to the scope of the project?

#### **1. Historical Background**

For example, if your Capstone Project is on Interactive Math (Geometry), in the historical background section, you would not include the history of Geometry instruction in American schools. Rather you would include only relevant research on the history of online instruction of Geometry, preferably in the approximate grade level you are writing about and the target audience for whom you have designed your project. You should find research studies or journal articles from scholarly resources that discuss how students are learning with online materials for Geometry. This information should be historically relevant.

#### **2. Theoretical Framework**

In your Capstone Report, Chapter 2 will focus on this theoretical framework:

***Online delivery of instruction is an effective means for teaching and for learning.***

Therefore, your purpose in this section of the lit review is to find and present studies that support your theoretical framework. It is important that

you find studies that support the online delivery of instruction, especially in your subject area and, if possible, for your age group. Many of these studies will contrast online delivery with the live classroom model and the hybrid model.

### **3. Current Research Developments**

This literature in this section focuses on specific tools and practices that support your online delivery of subject matter/content. For example, multimedia: Is it a motivational tool, does it support visual literacy practices? In other words, what research supports your choice of the instructional and educational technology tools you will be using.

The key word here is current: the rule of thumb is 5-7 years. Depending upon the subject matter, sometimes even 7 years is an eternity.

Good luck in your writing this week and remember to make your appointment with the Writing Center to assist you with Chapter 2.