

RESEARCH PROJECT GUIDELINES (RP441)

**To successfully complete this course, you will need to do the following in the order given.
Be sure to have each step signed off by your advisor as you proceed.**

<u>Date Due or Approved</u>	<u>Advisor Signature</u>	<u>Step</u>
_____	_____	Meet with your advisor and set deadlines for each of these required steps.
_____	_____	Select a general topic which is relevant to midwifery. Topic:
_____	_____	Advisor approves topic.
_____	_____	Formulate a general research question. This is a general question about your topic that your paper will answer. Question:
_____	_____	Advisor approves question.
_____	_____	Create an outline of your research paper. Include all sections of your paper: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction — include Topic/Hypothesis question This becomes a statement as you conclude your Review of the Literature. • Review of the Literature — Summary of current research from experts and includes definitions of all terms • Research Design — Who, when, where, and how • Research Findings — Analysis of the data you collected • Recommendations — A recommended plan of action(s) based on findings • Discussion — Need for further study, new or open questions, problems with your process or that arose, etc. • Conclusion — Must answer (prove/disprove) your Topic/Hypothesis statement
_____	_____	Preliminary Outline approved by advisor. Additional drafts due:
_____	_____	Final Outline approved by advisor.
_____	_____	Conduct a thorough literature search on your research topic. Review the published work and search for experts in the field that may have unpublished work. Ultimately, your bibliography/ Reference page must include a minimum of eight citations from original sources in addition to all other sources you cite in your paper. <u>Four sources must be published within the last four years</u> unless special approval is issued by your advisor due to the nature of your topic.
_____	_____	Special waiver approved.
_____	_____	Create a citation and article/literature review/summary (minimum 1 paragraph) for each source. Place key research points into your Outline as you read through the literature and create your reviews.
_____	_____	Literature review sources (minimum of 8 citations with summaries) approved.
_____	_____	Formulate a specific research Topic/Thesis//Hypothesis Statement based on what you learned from your literature reviews. Your Thesis Statement must be original in nature. It should provide new insight into a known topic or open up a new midwifery topic. This is a statement/sentence not a question. Thesis:
_____	_____	Research Topic Statement/Hypothesis approved by advisor.
_____	_____	Write your Introduction . Additional drafts due:
_____	_____	Introduction approved by advisor.
_____	through _____	Write your Review of the Literature . Additional drafts due:
_____	_____	Review of the Literature approved by advisor.
_____	_____	(You can begin your Reference page as you cite within your Review of the Literature .) References page approved by advisor through the Review of the Literature . Additional drafts due:

