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Proposed Area of Study Dissertation

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Problem Statement:

In a cogent paragraph or two, identify a general problem in the discipline that supports the need to conduct the proposed research and describe a specific research problem that the research will address. Describe what is problematic, how, and for whom, supported by recent citations. Briefly explain how the results of the study could be used to address the specific research problem. (1-2 paragraphs)

Purpose Statement:

Provide a specific and accurate synopsis of the overall purpose of the study. Align the **Purpose of the Study** to address the specific research problem. In one concise paragraph, succinctly describe the focus, methodology, population, and geographical location of the study. (1 paragraph)

Importance of the Study

Briefly describe the importance of the proposed research, including how the study represents a unique approach to the problem, how the results may contribute to theory and /or practice in the field, and the implications of the research. Identify any knowledge gaps to be addressed by the proposed research. (1-2 paragraphs)

Proposed Research Method

Briefly describe the research methodology for the proposed study, including the research method and research design, population and sample, instrumentation, and data collection and analysis approaches. (1-2 paragraphs)

Research Questions (and Hypotheses-if quantitative)

Present specific research questions to be addressed, consistent with the proposed research method and design. If hypotheses will be tested, include them as well.