Tips for Literature Review

- Review abstracts carefully.
- Write down the searches you conduct in each database so that you may duplicate them if you need to later.
- Use the references of research studies to locate other related work.
- Ask your professor or a scholar in the field if you are missing any key works in the field.
- Maintain careful notes to track your thought processes during the research process.

- What are the research problems/ questions?
- What is the hypothesis?
- Is the research important? Why/Why not?

- Are the methods and instruments used appropriate?
- What are the samples used in this study?
- What type of research is this?
- How was the data analyzed?

- What are the major findings?
- What are the conclusions?

- Could it have been conducted more thoroughly?
- What further questions does it raise?
- Are there conflicting studies?
- Has this study been cited?