**Activity: Return to your description of the alignment of each of the components of your proposed study with the other elements of your study.**

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| Element | Enter Detail | Describe how aligned with each of the other elements |
| Problem Statement |  |  |
| Purpose |  |  |
| Project Question(s) |  |  |
| Gap in Practice |  |  |

**Based on your review, which elements are in good alignment? Which elements need to be modified? Identify them below:**

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| Element | Alignment Rating:  1 = Poor – 5 = Excellent | Modification needed for the element to become aligned. |
| Problem Statement |  |  |
| Purpose |  |  |
| Project Question(s) |  |  |
| Gap in Practice |  |  |

Now that you have assessed the elements of your study, element by element, for congruence, to identify where any misalignment exists, the next step is to bring the different aspects of your study back into alignment. Because all of the elements of a research study are interrelated, and earlier decisions affect later choices, bringing a study into alignment must start at the beginning. Any changes you make to the earlier elements will necessitate that you consider the alignment of that element with all of the other elements in the study. For example, if you modify your project questions to be better aligned with your gap in practice, you may need to revise your project purpose and objectives accordingly.

Based on your assessment of the alignment of your study elements, **go through the table elements in order, modifying the elements of your study that you identified as not being in good alignment**. Start with the earliest element of your study that appears to be misaligned, based on the activity you completed above.

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| Element | Modification made |
| Problem Statement |  |
| Purpose |  |
| Project Question(s) |  |
| Gap in Practice |  |

**Complete a new alignment table, below, to assess alignment of your modified study:**

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| Element | Enter Detail | Describe how aligned with each of the other elements |
| Problem Statement |  |  |
| Purpose |  |  |
| Project Question(s) |  |  |
| Gap in Practice |  |  |

After you complete the alignment audit, you should see very similar wording in all the key statements above.