Topic 3 Discussion 1

Explain how collaboration and networking with other researchers can enhance the quality and impact of graduate-level research.

Hello Class,

If you open up to collaboration and networking, this allows not only more available research but also allows for ideas and concepts from others that can improve or challenge your research and build a stronger foundation. According to Kyvik& Reymert (2017) researching with collaboration and networking is like a large-scale program. The more help you have the better the program is going to operate in the capacity it is set to than in a safe mode type of situation. Occasionally this can lead to problems and conflicts but usually networking and collaboration help solve conflicts, find solutions, and even give people other prospectives. Networking and collaboration allow for research to not only be generally more credible, but also can help dive deeper into the research process allowing for possible new discoveries or solidification of previous discoveries (Kyvik & Reymert, 2017). I have experienced a lot with networking and collaboration at GCU during my undergrad program. We found ways to network through Discord, to help each other through tough classes or to even talk amongst each other and make friends. Each class had a CLC assignment in which assigns us a partner or two to complete a class long project. For the most part these went great, but I did have a class where one partner did not pull their own weight. This is where collaboration can lead to issues.

References:

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