Action Research Project Prospectus

**Note**: this Prospectus will posted as assignment #4 in SR 890 DSL Action Research Prospectus course

**Note**: Assignment #4 will be uploaded as assignment #1 to begin SR 920 DSL Action Research Project course. This signals your standing committee to review your Prospectus, and at the same time, Dr. McClane will send you the Action Research Project Prospectus PowerPoint slide template for you to get ready for your proposal. After assignment #1 receives approval in SR 920 following your PowerPoint slide presentation, you are cleared to go ahead with your project!

Your Name

Omega Graduate School

Date

**Remember**: this is a Prospectus, I.e., it describes in broad detail and forecasts your plans. Notice that each section highlighted in yellow is providing guidance on what to write in your Prospectus as a proposal. **Write no more** than the page number is calling for each section!!!

**Remember**: This is a Prospectus, not the final write-up of your implemented Action Research Project!

Your Chair Name

# Introduction (1- 1 & 1/2 pages)

Outline objectives and scope.

Introduce the chosen sociological theory (e.g., Structural-Functionalism, Conflict/Critical Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, Social Constructionism).

# Statement of the Problem (1 page)

Clearly define the issue or problem in the context of a community, organization, or church.

Highlight its societal significance.

# Background of the Problem (2 pages)

## Problem Overview

Explain the nature of the problem and how it came to be

## Historical Context

Offer historical and current context with relevant citations from the literature

# Analysis through Sociological Theory (3 pages)

Apply the chosen theory to the problem. (Be careful to choose only ONE sociological theory that best explains your project)

Explain how this theory aids in understanding the issue.

Include strategies from applied and clinical sociology as appropriate.

# Faith-Based Analysis (2 pages)

Utilize NT Wright's "7 universal human longings" (Justice, Spirituality, Relationships, Beauty, Freedom, Truth, Power) for analysis. (This section asks you to choose 1-3 of the universal longings that best explain the human needs and longings that your project is addressing. Do not use this section as trying to address all seven)

Specifically relate these longings to the problem.

# Designing the Intervention (2-pages)

Create a detailed intervention plan.

Link the intervention to sociological and faith-based analyses.

## Purpose and Objectives

Clearly state the primary goal of your intervention.

Outline specific objectives you aim to achieve.

## Sociological Theory

Describe how your chosen sociological theory informs the design of your intervention.

## Faith-Based Considerations

Integrate NT Wright's "7 universal human longings" into your intervention approach.

## Target Group or Issue

Identify the specific group, community, or issue your intervention targets.

## Strategies and Activities

Detail the strategies and activities that will be used in the intervention.

Explain how these activities align with your sociological and faith-based analysis.

## Resources Needed

List the resources (e.g., personnel, materials, funding) required for the intervention.

## Timeline

Provide a realistic timeline for the implementation of the intervention.

## Anticipated Challenges

Anticipate potential challenges and propose solutions.

## Measuring Success

Define how you will measure the success of the intervention.

Include both qualitative and quantitative measures if applicable.

# Ethical Considerations (2-pages)

Address ethical issues in applied and clinical sociology, like avoiding iatrogenic interventions.

Propose solutions to these ethical concerns.

## Adherence to Professional Ethics

Discuss the importance of following ethical guidelines in sociological research.

## Respect for Persons

Ensure respect for the individuals and communities involved in your research, even though observational or indirect data collection will be employed.

## Confidentiality and Privacy

Outline how you will protect the privacy and confidentiality of any information gathered, even in anecdotal or observational contexts.

## Avoiding Harm

Address how your project will avoid causing harm, including avoiding iatrogenic interventions that inadvertently cause more problems or dependencies.

## Cultural Sensitivity

Ensure your research and intervention are culturally sensitive and appropriate.

## Addressing and Disclosing Bias

Acknowledge and discuss how you will address potential biases in your research approach and analysis.

## Transparency and Accountability

Maintain transparency in your methods and be accountable for the intervention's impact.

## Site Permissions

If required, detail how you will obtain permission from relevant authorities or organizations for conducting research at specific sites. Include permission as an appendix.

# Delivery and Evaluation Plan (2- pages)

Describe implementation steps.

Set criteria for evaluating the intervention.

# Evaluation of Results (2 pages)

Assess effectiveness based on set criteria.

Include sociological and faith-based perspectives.

# Reflection (1- pages)

Reflect on the research process, challenges faced, and personal learning outcomes.

Evaluate the project's impact on your understanding of sociological and faith-based perspectives.

Specifically, discuss how your action research project contributed to constructive social change. Describe how your intervention “changed the world” in the context of the problem addressed.

Consider the broader implications of your project for society and future research in applied and clinical sociology.

Contemplate on how your project aligns with or diverges from your initial expectations and what lessons can be learned for future practice.

# Conclusion (1 page)

Summarize findings and implications.

Suggest future research or action directions.

# References

Cite 20-30 scholarly sources in APA 7th edition format.--**this is for the final project.**

**Note**: for the **Prospectus** highlight in your references right now the 2 most important books, and the 8 most important academic journal articles.