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# CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY

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## Background of the Problem

## Historically, …

## Statement of the Problem

The problem the present study addresses is…

## Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study was to determine …

## Significance of the Study

The impact of this study on [state the stakeholders] is that…

## Conceptual Framework

Creswell (2014) contended that “in quantitative research, researchers often test theories as an explanation for answers to their questions. In a quantitative dissertation, an entire section of a research proposal might be devoted to presenting the theory for the study” (p. 83).

Creswell (2014) presented the deductive approach to research in the quantitative research of using a theory or conceptual framework. 

Figure 1. Deductive Research

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## Definition of Terms

The following terms...

* **Higher education:** Education beyond the secondary level; especially, education provided by a college or university (Higher education, n.d.).

## Assumptions

A few assumptions were identified in this study after reviewing the literature:

* First
* Second

## Limitations

This study was limited by the following factors:

1. This study was conducted in the context of …
2. The sample for this study…

## Research Questions

The research questions developed for this investigation included the following:

1. What are the …?
2. To what extent…?

# CHAPTER II: REVIEW OF RELATED LITERATURE AND RESEARCH

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# CHAPTER III: METHODOLOGY

This chapter describes the methodology, discusses the research design, the population and sample selection, instrumentation, and data collection procedures.

## Research Design

This study was a [quantitative non-experimental/descriptive, qualitative] design using [type of instrument].

## Population

The population for this study was …

## Instrumentation

Text

## Validation of the Instrument

Creswell (2014) stated “validity in quantitative research refers to whether one can draw meaningful and useful inferences from scores on particular instruments” and Creswell summarized the three traditional forms of validity:

1. Content validity: Do the items measure the content they were intended to measure?
2. Predictive or concurrent validity: Do scores predict a criterion measure? Do results correlate with other results?
3. Construct validity: Do items measure hypothetical constructs or concepts?

… “Content validity refers to the extent to which the items on a test are fairly representative of the entire domain the test seeks to measure” (Markus & Smith, 2010, p. 239).

The final instrument can be viewed in Appendix A.

To measure the internal consistency of the questionnaire, Cronbach’s alpha was used to see how closely related items are as a group. By items, we mean specific questions or statements to which one responds. The level shows scale reliability (see Table 1). A high value of alpha means the questionnaire items measure an underlying construct (Webb, Shavelson, & Haertel, 2006).

Table 1. Cronbach Alpha Constructs for Reliability Statistics of Instruments

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Construct section | Number of items | Cronbach’s α |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cronbach’s Alpha for … |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cronbach’s Alpha for … |  |  |  |
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## Data Collection and Analysis

Author and author (2012) summarized the difference as follows:

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# CHAPTER IV: ANALYSIS OF DATA

Introductory text.

## Analysis of Descriptive Data

Table 2 shows…

Table 2. Title

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Demographic variable | *N* | Percent |
|  |  |  |

*Note*. \*Rounding error

…analysis of survey responses about selected organizational and demographic variables using a *t* test.

## Analysis for Research Question 1

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## Analysis for Research Question 2

… is displayed in Table 3.

Table 3. Title

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Questionnaire item | Chi-square value | *df* | *p*-value |  |
| 1. | 1.364 | 3 | 0.7141 |  |
| 2. | 1.926 | 3 | 0.7493 |  |
| 3. | 4.988 | 4 | 0.2885 |  |
| 4. | 1.979 | 4 | 0.7396 |  |
| 5. | 1.268 | 3 | 0.8667 |  |

Table 4. Title

Further…

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## Summary of the Results

Text.

# CHAPTER V: SUMMARY, FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Summary

The objective of this research was to …

The two research questions that emerged from the literature review were as follows:

1. What are …?

2. To what extent …?

## Research Findings

The findings of this research …

## Conclusions

The findings of this research …

## Recommendations for Application of the Findings

The findings could be useful to…

## Recommendations for Future Research

There are a few recommendations that can be made based on this study that can improve future research and contribute to the existing literature.

1. This study can be expanded by …

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