

Appendix C

Knowledge Translation Assignment: Bridging Research and Practice for Disability-Inclusive Counseling

Course: [Graduate Counseling-Research & Program Evaluation...insert course name]

Due Date: [Insert Due Date]

Total Points: [Insert Points]

Assignment Overview

Knowledge translation (KT) is the process of synthesizing, disseminating, and applying research findings to improve professional practice and policy. This assignment challenges you to take a disability-focused research study and translate its findings into a practical, accessible format for counselors, clients, or community stakeholders. It encourages you to think critically about research and apply it in a way that bridges the gap between evidence and practice in disability-inclusive counseling.

Learning Objectives

By completing this assignment, you will:

1. Develop skills in synthesizing and interpreting disability-related research.
2. Communicate research findings in a way that is accessible to diverse audiences.
3. Enhance your ability to apply research to real-world counseling settings.
4. Evaluate how program evaluation data can inform disability-inclusive interventions.

Assignment Instructions

Step 1: Select a Disability-Focused Research Article

Choose a peer-reviewed research study or program evaluation report related to **counseling and disability**. The study should address one of the following areas:

- Mental health counseling for individuals with disabilities
- Disability-inclusive counseling interventions
- Barriers to mental health services for disabled populations
- The effectiveness of a counseling or rehabilitation program for individuals with disabilities
- Culturally competent counseling approaches for disabled clients

Submit your chosen article for approval by [Insert Date].

Step 2: Develop a Knowledge Translation (KT) Product

Using your selected study, create a **KT product** that makes the research findings accessible and useful for a specific audience. Choose **one** of the following formats:

- **Plain Language Summary:** A 1-2-page, easy-to-read summary designed to promote understanding of the research. (See example provided.)
- **Infographic:** A visually engaging summary of key research findings and implications for counseling practice.
- **Research Poster:** Summarize the research information concisely and attractively to help publicize it and generate discussion; usually a mixture of a brief text mixed with tables, graphs, pictures, and other presentation formats.

- **Podcast Episode or Video Presentation (5-10 minutes):** A short, engaging presentation and discussion of the research findings with practical takeaways.
- **Blog Post (800-1,000 words):** A written piece explaining the study's relevance, key findings, and how they apply to counseling.
- **Professional Training Handout:** A guide for counselors on how to implement the study's recommendations in their practice.

Step 3: Written Reflection (2–3 pages)

In addition to your KT product, submit a **written reflection** addressing the following:

- **Summary of the Research:** Briefly describe the study, including its purpose, methods, key findings, and implications.
- **Target Audience:** Explain who your KT product is designed for and why you chose this format.
- **Knowledge Translation Strategies:** Describe how you adapted the research to be more accessible and engaging for your audience.
- **Application to Counseling Practice:** Discuss how this research can inform disability-inclusive counseling services or policies.

Step 4: Submit Your Work

- Upload your **KT product** and **written reflection** to the course platform by the deadline.
- Be prepared to share your work in class or on a discussion board.

Evaluation Criteria (Total: [Insert Points])

Criteria	Points	Description
Selection of Research Article		Study is relevant, peer-reviewed, and disability-inclusive.
Knowledge Translation Product		Effectively communicates research findings in an accessible, engaging, and appropriate format.
Written Reflection		Thoughtfully addresses research summary, audience, KT strategies, and counseling applications.
Clarity & Professionalism		Writing, visuals, and/or audio are clear, professional, and well-organized.
Engagement & Creativity		Product is engaging, innovative, and demonstrates critical thinking.