**MILESTONE 1: Statement of Epistemological Worldview**

**Instructions for Students:**

For this first Milestone entry, we invite you to write a 1-page submission that describes your epistemological worldview. This piece should highlight the types of health professions education studies you tend to favour and how they influence your personal epistemological preferences. In doing so, you are challenged to articulate the underlying assumptions and intellectual structure upon which you will develop your proposal for research or innovation in the field.

You should reflect upon notions of paradigm, ontology, epistemology, and methodology; incorporating key ideas from readings and resources provided in the proposal development modules and throughout your time in the course.

Milestone 1 of the Proposal Development is a required component of the Capstone Portfolio. Because it comes first, it may seem intuitive to complete this Milestone early in the program and to submit it right away.  However, we encourage you to continually revisit and revise your Statement of Epistemological Worldview, refining it as you move through the proposal development process – not settling on a final articulation until you have had the opportunity to consider your philosophical leanings with respect to each aspect of the emerging proposal.

Final submission must be presented with one-inch margins, Times New Roman 12.pt font, single-spaced and within one page. All parts must be completed, and references must be included in APA format for each section, if applicable. After completion, ensure you rename the Word document as “Lastname.FirstInitial\_Milestone1.docx” (e.g. Smith.J\_Milestone1.docx) and submit to the Milestone 1 A2L submission folder.