**Milestone 3A: Research Methodology Proposal**

For this Milestone entry, you are asked to develop a proposed methodology for your research study. Previously in this unit you have completed a literature search, created a short, annotated bibliography, and conducted a critical appraisal of a paper. Now, you are to take this newfound knowledge and use it to refine your own research study proposal. This activity comprises of a series of 10 questions that you should answer in sequence, which are provided on the following page.

Milestones 3A through 3C involve direct interaction with an HSED peer. In particular, after drafting a methodology proposal, you will be asked to share it with a peer for feedback. This occurs in Milestone 2B. Students are encouraged to negotiate their own peer support for this activity, and we anticipate that some students will choose to organize themselves into larger peer support groups. The Program Office can facilitate peer relationships, as necessary.

Given a particular research question, work your way through the following questions with a peer. Once you have completed this worksheet, you will exchange this with your peer. You will each complete a peer review of each other’s work on the template supplied in the Peer Review Form found [here](https://hsed.mcmaster.ca/current-students/forms) and in the Capstone A2L course shell under Content.

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\_Milestone3A.docx” (e.g. Smith.J\_Milestone3A.docx) and submit to the Milestone 3 A2L submission folder.

1. From which epistemology are you starting?
2. What conversation are you hoping to join?
3. What theoretical or conceptual framework(s) inform you work?
4. What is your objective?
5. What are you trying to discern or measure?
6. What has been done before in this area?
7. How does your work build upon previous work?
8. What do you anticipate as your final outcome?
9. What research method are you selecting?
10. Explain the alignment between your epistemology, your intended outcome, and your methods.