

Example Writing Workshop 3: Sampling & Recruitment

Part 1: Review the methods section of one or two articles that are related to your research topic and identify their sampling/recruitment methods.

In a small group discuss the methods used in your research articles.

- What are the pros/cons of the methods used in these studies?

Part 2: Thinking about your research proposal (You discuss these questions in your group or work on this individually)

Sampling/study participants:

- Who will participate in your study?

PCA Caregivers participating in PCA Caregiver Support Program

- What will be your inclusion/exclusion criteria?

Inclusion: Participating in PCA Caregiver Support Program, Self-report providing care for someone with Alzheimer's

Exclusion: Paid caregiver to their family member

- What is your sampling strategy (note: probability/non-probability and any specific sub-categories)?

Convenience sample

Recruitment and additional methods to consider:

- How will you collect the data for your study (Mail/Web-based/In-Person/Combination...)?

In person

- If applicable, are you meeting the participants in their home or having them meet you in the community?

I will do home-visits to complete the interviews

- When, where, and how will your data be collected:
 - Are you doing this nationally or a certain state/city/agency?

One agency (PCA)

- How will you inform people about your study?

I will mail flyers, and ask service coordinators to tell their clients about the project

- Will it be a one-time survey or will there be multiple parts?

Multiple (at start of service and after receiving services) - pre-test/post-test research design.

- If applicable, what is your intervention?

Participating in the caregiver-support program.

- Are you offering any type of compensation?

No compensation is being offered.

- What will your consent process look like?
 - Written/verbal?

Verbal and written, I will describe the project and provide a written consent form for participants to sign.

- Will you have additional resources available?

No.

- Will you be using research assistants to help with your project?
 - Will it just be you, or a team, collecting the data? Are you using community members, academic colleagues, or agency staff to collect/analyze the data?

I will have an assistant, two MSS students assisting in the interviews because it is a large agency/sample.

- If applicable, what qualifications would you require for research assistants?

They must be a current MSS/MSW student or have a social work degree. I will also have at least one team member that speaks Spanish for participants that wish to complete the interview in Spanish.

- If applicable, what training will you offer the research assistants?

I will provide education on the Caregiver Burnout Survey – specifically on administration of the survey and scoring. I will also provide a training on Alzheimer's disease and the Caregiver Support Program.