

Appendix H. Sample Overview of Information Needed

Research Questions	Information Needed/What the Researcher Wants to Know	Method
1. To what extent do participants feel that the course work prepared them to conduct research and write their dissertations?	Participants' perceptions about whether the course work prepared them for the dissertation process.	Interview
2. What do participants perceive they needed to learn to complete their degrees?	The kinds of knowledge, skills, and attitudes participants felt were important to carry out and write their dissertations.	Interview
3. How do participants attempt to develop what they perceived they needed to complete their dissertations?	What activities did participants engage in to help develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to carry out the research and write their dissertations?	Interview, Critical Incident
4. What factors do participants perceive helped them complete their dissertations?	Who and what helped them? What kinds of supports enable them to progress?	Interview, Critical Incident, Focus Group
5. What factors do participants perceive impeded and/or continue to impede their progress in working toward completing their dissertations?	Obstacles that stood in the way of the participants; the stumbling blocks encountered.	Interview, Critical Incident, Focus Group