Case Studies

# Chapter 9: Surveys, action research and historical research

Case study students Yoshi and Gloria have been asked to plan a study using the survey method and action research. Select one of the examples given below and address the associated questions:

Gloria has been asked to identify an aspect of midwifery care that could be investigated using a survey, she selects parent-craft classes for first-time parents.

* Develop a research question for the study.
* Decide which type of survey and survey design Gloria should use and provide a rationale for your decision.
* Map out a potential study to include possible study site(s), sample size, participant recruitment, participant inclusion criteria, method(s) of data collection, data analysis, potential ethical issues and the key issues that the survey should address.
* Consider the ways in which the principles and key characteristics of survey research will facilitate the achievement of the research question.

Yoshi has been asked to identify an aspect of nursing practice that could be investigated using action research and he selects the care of adolescents in a child and adolescent mental health care setting.

* Develop a research question for Yoshi’s study.
* Map out a potential study to include at least two cycles. Identify a possible study site, sample size, participant inclusion criteria, participant recruitment, method(s) of data collection, data analysis, potential ethical issues and the key issues that the action research study should address.
* Consider the ways in which the principles and key characteristics of action research will facilitate the achievement of the research question.