Week 5 Discussion: Samples and Data Collection (graded)

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Purpose

This week's graded topics relate to the following Course Outcomes (COs).

* CO 2: Apply research principles to the interpretation of the content of published research studies. (PO 4 & 8)
* CO 4: Evaluate published nursing research for credibility and significance related to evidence-based practice. (PO 4 & 8)
* CO 5: Recognize the role of research findings in evidence-based practice. (PO 7 & 8)

Discussion

Access the following information. You may read the PDF online or download it.

American Nurses Association. (2014). *Fast facts: The nursing workforce 2014: Growth, salaries, education, demographics & trends*. ANA. Retrieved from [https://www.nursingworld.org/globalassets/practiceandpolicy/workforce/fastfacts\_nsgjobgrowth-salaries\_updated8-25-15.pdf  (Links to an external site.)](https://www.nursingworld.org/globalassets/practiceandpolicy/workforce/fastfacts_nsgjobgrowth-salaries_updated8-25-15.pdf)

* Review the *data* presented in the *ANA Fast Facts* and describe some of the key attributes/characteristics of this sample of the nursing workforce.
* Discuss some of the data that you found interesting; include what you believe the purpose (intent) of ANA sharing these results.
* The *instruments* and *tools* that we use to collect data need to be *reliable* and *valid*. Define these terms and explain the importance of each. Share *one* way that can be used to collect data that you were not aware of or familiar with.

Grading

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