

## **Six Steps to Create an Article from a Thesis or Dissertation for the Journal for Leadership and Instruction**

Many students who complete a masters thesis or doctoral dissertation struggle with the process of publishing their research. In many cases, students try to do too much in a single article. For this reason, our editors developed this six-step process to help potential authors to complete a publishable article.

Step One: Select a research question for which you have significant or important findings.

Step Two: Write an introduction to the problem you pose in the research question.

Step Three: Write a review of the related literature in the past tense that reveals the historical research that preceded your research. Present the related literature in an historical sequence from past to present in a manner that reveals disparities and agreements about the topic.

Step Four: Describe the methodology used in your research including selection of subjects, participants, data collection procedures, and limitations in your research design.

Step Five: Present your data analysis and your conclusions emanating from the analysis of data and informed by your previous related literature review. State any recommendations that you have discovered in the process of your research for this article.

Step Six: Present a full list of references for any research cited in your article using the American Psychological Association Manual in its latest edition. Add an Abstract summary for your article before the Introduction.