



Action Research

A METHOD OF INQUIRY THAT HELPS TEACHERS
TO COLLECT VALUABLE, PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Overview



- ▶ Why Use Action Research with Pre-service Teachers
- ▶ Prominence of Action Research
- ▶ The Research Cycle
- ▶ Characteristics of Action Research
- ▶ Benefits of Action Research to Pre-service Teachers
- ▶ Fostering Collaboration with Action Research

Importance of Action Research

- ▶ Student engagement
- ▶ Effectiveness of their instructional strategies
- ▶ Usefulness of their materials
- ▶ Perceptions and attitudes of third party stakeholders (e.g. parents)

Prominence of AR

- ▶ Hot topic at conferences
- ▶ New peer-reviewed journal dedicated to the practice of AR
- ▶ Graduate programs require students to conduct AR
- ▶ Beneficial to undergraduates, thus giving them an edge over other new teachers!

The Research Cycle



Benefits of Action Research in Education – Pre-Service Teachers

- ▶ Four Organizing Themes
- ▶ Impact on Student Learning
- ▶ Scholarly Literature
- ▶ Critical Thinking
- ▶ Observational Skills

Examples of Action Research

- ▶ Amanda Popovich – Dennis Lab School
 - ▶ Science
 - ▶ Print vs Digital Text
 - ▶ Reading Comprehension

Benefits of Action Research in Education – Third Party Stakeholders

- ▶ Collaboration with Coops
- ▶ Addressing Classroom Problems or Issues
- ▶ Motivate Classroom Teachers
- ▶ Professional Development
- ▶ Foster a Climate for Action Research
- ▶ Performance Learning

Questions?

