1. Introduction
This segment is intended to provide you with sufficient understanding about the various approaches to research and how you fit into this picture of inquiry. It will give you some logic and practice how scholars approach research studies so that your own scholarship may be meaningful to you, as well as the professional and academic milieu.

2. Overview
In this segment, "The Nature of Research", you will be introduced to key factors that will help you reach your goal of becoming a scholar-practitioner.

Click each topic to view a brief description of its contents.

3. Objectives
Objectives:
Upon completion of this segment, you should be able to:
• discuss knowledge, inquiry and research
• describe the influence of Personal Style and Culture of Inquiry
• describe how to become competent conducting research
• discuss research in different disciplines

4. Readings
Reading: Required Textbook Readings
Refer to the List of Textbook Readings for relevant readings.

Reference Readings:

**e-books**

- Blaxter, Loraine, "How To Research (4th Edition)"

*You may also check the eLibrary for additional readings.*

**Videos**

**YouTube:**

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJwbhcabtdI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AJwbhcabtdI)
  Inquiry and the Research Process: Choosing a Topic
  A video that walks students through the process of choosing the best research concepts and finding the best sources for their topics.
- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OR3q9GNzdtQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OR3q9GNzdtQ)
  Dr. Cheryl Lentz: Writing Tip #3: Chapter 3: Research Methodology
  Discusses the selection of your research method.