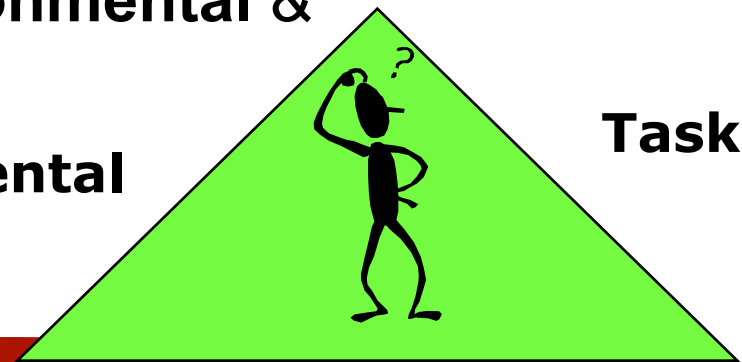


Theory for My Hot Topic

- Dynamic Systems Theory
- Motor performance results from a dynamic process that is the product of the influence of multiple subsystems operating within a person (e.g. motivation, balance, strength).
- When examining movement output the investigator should consider the influence of **individual** (person), **environmental** & **task** constraints that shape performance.



Learner

Quantitative Research Questions

- What is the influence of the SKIP motor skill program on the motor skill competence of disadvantaged preschoolers?
- Are there gender differences in motor skill competence prior to and following the SKIP motor skill program?
- Tie back to theory:
- **Task** – FMS Competence
- SKIP program provides an **environmental** constraint
- Consider the **learner** characteristics in developing the SKIP program (e.g. delay, cognitive development, etc.)

Quantitative Research Questions

➤ **What is the influence of the SKIP motor skill program on the motor skill competence of disadvantaged preschoolers?**

➤ **Hypotheses**

- No group differences at pretest
- SKIP group significantly better than Control group across the intervention (from pretest to posttest)
- Group differences at posttest – SKIP group better than Control group
- Control group will not change from pretest to posttest

Qualitative Research

- Qualitative researchers aim to gather an **in-depth understanding of the lived experience**.
- Investigates the *why* and *how* of decision making, not just *what*, *where*, *when*.
- Often smaller, but focused, samples are selected rather than large samples.
- Qualitative methods rarely claim to **generalize findings** to other populations. It produces information on the particular cases studied. More general conclusions are only propositions (informed assertions).



Qualitative Research - Inductive

- Cases (participants) selected **purposefully**, according to whether or not they typify certain characteristics/contextual locations.
- **Researcher lens** - researchers reflect on their role in the research process & make this clear in the analysis.
- **Interpretive** - Make meaning of the data collected
- **Holistic & contextual analysis of data** rather than being reductionistic and isolationist. Nevertheless, systematic & transparent approaches to analysis are almost always regarded as essential for rigor.
- **Inductive analysis** – data drives the Research Questions, the hypotheses (assertions), & conclusions made.

Theory for My Hot Topic

- **Social Constructivism**
- **Constructivism** is a theory of knowledge (epistemology) that argues humans generate knowledge and meaning from an interaction between their experiences and their ideas.
 - Each learner is unique, complex, & multidimensional with unique needs and backgrounds. This view of the learner promoted & supported in learning environment.
 - Encourages the learner to arrive at his or her version of the truth, influenced by his or her background, culture or embedded worldview.



Qualitative Research Questions

- How do children make individual meaning as they participate in the SKIP motor skill program and how do individual characteristics influence their understandings?
- What is children's understanding of their changing motor skill competence across the SKIP motor skill program?
- How does the SKIP program influence children's motivation to be physically active?
- Tie back to theory:
- Children are unique and their understandings will be different.
- Focused on how children “see” their own motor competence not actual motor competence.

What Have We Learned?

- A hot topic can be looked at from many different perspectives
- There is often a relationship between research paradigm and the theory selected
- There should be **STRONG** relationship between **THEORY** and **RESEARCH QUESTIONS** – these two aspects should align
- The design of the study will come from the way the RQs are framed and the theoretical perspective