



The Learning Disability Nurse Researcher... My journey so far

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Reflecting on my research experience as part of my
PhD journey



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Previous work experience as an Acute Liaison Nurse for people with learning disabilities inspired me



Career ambition and get a 'Dr' title to my name



The joy of creating knowledge and sharing it



The opportunity was there & influence my teaching



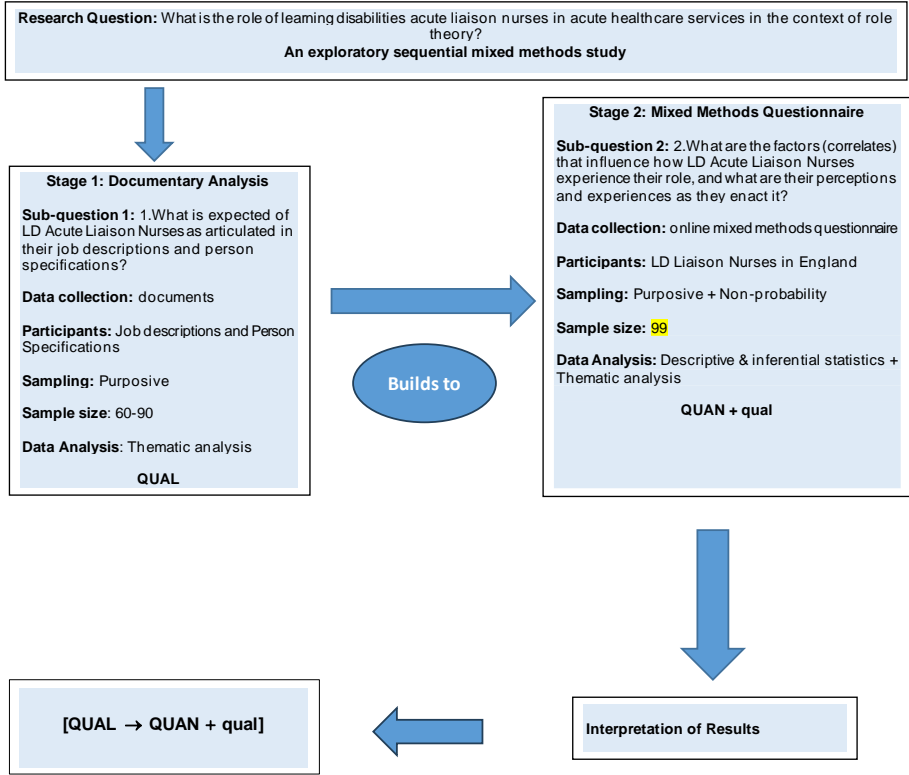
Wanted to inspire other LD Nurses to do research



...and I like asking questions

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About my research



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Excitement -
the
honeymoon
period



Ignorance /
uneducated
phase



Floundering &
some
struggles



Recalibration



Emerging
confidence



End is now in
sight

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Reviewing
journal articles

Networking
opportunities

Confidence in
authoring journal
articles and book
chapters

Enhanced my
critical thinking

Prospects for
career
progression

Contribution
to knowledge

Increased
research
my interest

Being considered
an expert

Enhancing & influencing practice when
supporting people with learning disabilities to
improve their health outcomes

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In conclusion...
*Research is one of the
key roles for LD nurses*

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