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## Feedback on coursework provided by Professor Paul Dowling

### *Critical Review of Grever, Pelzer & Haydn*

The critical review evidences understanding of a range of methodological issues and makes some relevant points about the research. There seems to be an assumption, however, that the research should be aiming to generalise results to a population. This, however, is not the intention in this research, which is content to identify possible patterns—ie in the sample—rather than trends and generalities.

### *Research Proposal*

The proposal shows a good understanding of a wide range of methodological issues and presents a viable project. The approach to research literature is appropriately critical. In taking this further, I would like to see some consideration of alternative interpretations of teacher discourse: rather than elaborations of beliefs that have guided decisions, we might consider the extent to which, when asked for explanations of their actions, responses are more likely to be constituted as post hoc rationalisations and/or formulated in terms of stock expressions.

### *General*

Both pieces are well written and presented.