

The Research Project

EDU 696: Independent Study Project in Research and Readings

A research project is designed to provide the candidate with the opportunity to explore an educational technology application or idea in an educational setting. Past research projects have included

- A survey of a district's music teachers on their current and projected applications of educational technology in their curriculum,
- A survey of special education teachers on their and their students' skills in integration technology in the curriculum,
- Development and electronic distribution of a technology enhanced curriculum for 5-12 Cooperative Work Experience,
- A literature review of research on The Effects of Graphing Calculator on Student Understanding of Function, and
- Development of an extensive annotated web-liography of alternative technology resources to differentiate instruction in the middle school music classroom curriculum.

This project will be about a six month project that will be completed by the candidate in consultation with one educational technology faculty member. The steps for this project will include:

1) Completing the project proposal form - **GRADUATE INDEPENDENT STUDY/RESEARCH AND READINGS OR THESIS PROJECT** - which may be downloaded from <http://www.easternct.edu/graduate/documents/RegistrationForm.pdf>.

The proposal should provide information on -

- objectives of the project,
- research to be studied - a few initial key studies on this topic,
- methods of the project - timeline of key points in the study,
- what will be the overcomes of your study, and
- next steps in the process.

The more detailed the planning in these initial phases of the project, the easier the projects will be.

Select an educational faculty member and contact them with your plan. The faculty member will complete the part of the form that requests - **Advisor's evaluation of proposal (to be completed by faculty advisor)**. Please send a paper copy of the form with the advisor's evaluation and your signature to the faculty member. The proposal will then be signed by the faculty member if approved and reviewed by the Graduate Division. If accepted, the candidate will be granted permission to enroll in EDU 696: Research and Readings with the advisor.

This project should be based on a good, solid research foundation. Educational Technology research cited should be recent with most not more than 3 years old. We encourage the inclusion of both online and paper sources for the research. There is an expectation of at least 15 citations of research to support the project.

This research project is a collaborative project between the candidate and the advisor/faculty member. The candidate should be in continual contact with the faculty member as the project develops. For completion of the project, the candidate should provide a completed draft of the project no later than a month before the end of a semester.