

ADED 7950

Seminar

Summer 2012

**Educational Foundations,
Leadership and
Technology
College of Education**

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strive to prepare and be professionals who are:

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equipped with the knowledge, skills
and technological expertise to help
all individuals learn and develop

Committed

dedicated to the ethical practices and collaboration
that serve as the foundation of a diverse
and intellectually vibrant society

Reflective

devoted to analyzing their own past practices
in ways that fuel ongoing learning
and improve future practices

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<p style="text-align: center;">Dissertation Seminar in Adult Education ADED 7950 Auburn University - College of Education Educational Foundations, Leadership, and Technology Department Summer 2012</p>

Class Time: Thursday 5:00 – 8:45pm
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| 1. | Course Number: ADED 7950
Course Title: Dissertation Seminar in Adult Education
Credit Hours: 3 semester hours
Prerequisites: Departmental approval |
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2. **Date Syllabus Prepared:** May 2012

3. **Texts - Optional:**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Glatthorn, A. A., & Joyner, R. L. (2005). *Writing the winning dissertation: A step-by-step guide* (2nd ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press. ISBN: 076193961X

Machi, L. A., & McEvoy, B. T. (2008). *The literature review*. New York: Corwin Press. ISBN: 978-1-4129-6135-6

Merriam, S. B., & Simpson, E. L. (2000). *A guide to research for educators and trainers of adults*. Malabar, FL: Kreiger.

Roberts, C. M. (2004). *The dissertation journey*. New York: Corwin Press. ISBN: 0-7619-3887-7

4. **Course Description:** Seminar will provide advanced students with in-depth exposure to the steps and process of developing and writing a dissertation. It will also provide an opportunity to critically evaluate dissertations and research presentations.

5. **Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
- A. Describe dissertation chapters in detail and with precision.
 - B. Identify the procedure for protection of human subject and consent elements as required by the Auburn University Institution Review Board.

- C. Check journal guidelines and sample dissertation chapter content using the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th Edition style.
- D. Prepare and evaluate proposed dissertation title, introduction, problem statement, conceptual/theoretical framework, research questions, need for study, limitations, assumptions, definitions, organization of study.

6. Course Dates & Content:

May 17, 2012 – Overview of Syllabus and Course Expectations

May 24, 2012 – Dissertation Dissections

May 31, 2012 – Chapter 1: Introduction
Selection of a Topic / Guidelines
Research Problem Statements

June 7, 2012 – Library Visit w/Mr. Todd Shipman –Mell Street Lobby, 5:00 p.m.

June 14, 2012 – Graduate School Guidelines and Deadlines
Departmental Style of Writing
Research Problem Statements (continued)

June 21, 2012 – Chapter 2: Review of Literature
DEADLINE: Chapter I: Introduction Due

June 28, 2012 - The IRB Process- Susan Anderson, Office of Research Compliance

July 5, 2012 – Research and Study – No Class Meeting - Work on CITI Requirement

July 12, 2012 – Chapter 3: Methods
DEADLINE: Chapter II: Review of Literature Outline Due

July 19, 2012 – Chapter 4-5: Finding and Conclusions/Recommendations

July 26, 2012 – DEADLINE: Mini-Proposal Due and CITI Training Completed

7. Course Requirements/Evaluation:

- A. Mini-Proposal containing: title page, table of contents, introduction (problem statement, purpose of the study, research questions), Chapter 2 - review of literature outline, Chapter 3 - outline of proposed methods, & references.
- B. Complete the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training.

The final grade for the course will be based on the following:

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| A. Mini proposal according to departmental guidelines & APA | 70 points |
| B. CITI – Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative IRB Tng | <u>30</u> points |
| | 100 points |

The following grading scale will be used:

90 - 100 points = A

80- 89 points = B

70- 79 points = C

60 - 69 points = D

Below 60 points = F

A grade of Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) will be awarded. A grade of 80-100 will be deemed a Satisfactory grade.

8. Class Policy Statements:

- A. Students are expected to participate in all class discussions and participate in all exercises. It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor if assignment deadlines are not met. Students are responsible for initiating arrangements for missed work.
- B. Attendance is required at each class meeting. Other unavoidable absence from campus must be documented and cleared with the instructor in advance. There will be non unannounced quizzes.
- C. Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).
- D. The University Academic Honesty Code and the Student Policy eHandbook http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/ will apply to this class.
- E. As faculty, staff, and students interact in professional settings, they are expected to demonstrate professional behaviors as defined in the College's conceptual framework. These professional commitments or dispositions are listed below:
 - Engage in responsible and ethical professional practices
 - Contribute to collaborative learning communities
 - Demonstrate a commitment to diversity
 - Model and nurture intellectual vitality