

## The Loeb School of Education

Dear Student:

Congratulations! You are almost at the end of your program in Multicultural Education. One final step to take is to complete your thesis/project. As the coordinator of EDU 640: Thesis/Project for the Loeb School of Education, I encounter many students who are daunted by the prospect of completing this course. Let me reassure you. The Thesis/Project is perhaps the best course you will take at Eastern University because you are in control of your topic, schedule, and choice of assignment. I hope I have succeeded in piquing your interest and enthusiasm for the journey ahead.

A thesis/project is intended to help students conclude their graduate education with a professionally useful and meaningful intellectual product. I will work closely with you to choose from **one** of the following options: a traditional thesis, a publishable academic journal article, a curriculum unit, an administrative action plan, an instructional technology project, or another significant multicultural project. The format of the class changes based on the number of participants and the projects they have selected. Therefore, the number of face-to-face meetings will be arranged at the beginning of the semester. In general, though, this class does not meet every week, and will be based on a hybrid model (online and face-to-face interaction) as we work towards completion of your thesis project.

. In preparation for the course you should complete the following steps:

- Visit Warner library on the St. Davids campus. Check out and review exemplar thesis/projects which are located at the circulation desk. This may help you decide which of the six options you would like to do; and
- Begin your search for research articles supporting your selection of the topic on which your thesis/project will be based.
- Complete the attached form and submit to to Dr. Kathy-Ann Hernandez before October 15 for spring or February 15 for Fall (khernand@eastern.edu or fax to 484 581 1276).

At this point, it is acceptable if you are not sure about your topic. However, it is important that you choose a tentative project and beginning thinking through a plan of action. I look forward to interacting with you in the Fall semester.

Blessings,

Kathy Ann Hernandez

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