

Department of Curriculum and Pedagogy

EDCP 590 Graduating Project Procedures

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The M.Ed. Graduating Project is intended as a culminating project that is of personal use to the student and that is considered educationally valuable by an audience of professional peers.

It could take the form of:

- a synthesis or critical analysis of professionally relevant literature;
- an exploration of a curriculum-related problem and a proposal for addressing it;
- an application of theories and concepts to a specific curriculum context;
- a critical analysis of existing policies or programs, culminating in a proposal for innovative curriculum or pedagogy;
- a relevant creative project that also has educational application and relevance;
- the production of media to be used in an educational or policy context;
- or some other possibility to be discussed with your supervisor. *(The Department's Graduate Advisory Committee will resolve any dispute over what may or may not qualify as a Graduating Project).*

Although a written document is the standard format, students, in consultation with their Supervisor, may opt for other formats including educational resource materials, exhibitions, journal and magazine articles, multimedia and oral presentations, performances, videos, etc. that can be shared with an audience of educators. A written summary of non-print material must accompany such a project.

The journey toward the Graduating Project:

1. Register in EDCP 590.
2. As part of the course requirement prepare a proposal (\approx 1,000 words) in which you describe the purpose of your project, the general approach you will take, the literature or other source material that you will use, and the planned organization of your project. Clearly indicate why the proposed project has professional relevance. Your specialist program-area supervisor will review this proposal. Once it has been approved by your Supervisor, retain copies for your and the Supervisor's files.
3. With your Supervisor's guidance complete the work on your project. With your Supervisor's approval and guidance, submit the project to a second faculty reader / reviewer.
4. All graduating projects must be approved and signed by your Supervisor and this second faculty member. Projects are assessed using criteria that are typical in university graduate programs: e.g., how well the stated purpose is achieved, clarity and organization, depth and quality of analysis, and use of source materials.
5. At the discretion of the student and Supervisor, a public presentation of your project may be arranged. This event does not need to be on campus, but should be scheduled for attendance by your Supervisor and second faculty reviewer / reader.
6. Submit a copy to the Department (together with a summary and CD, DVD, etc. if the project is in a media format). A signed 590 form is required.
7. Prepare to graduate, and make use of your project in your own educational setting!