

**Course Syllabus for EDHI 699, Research Practicum in Higher Education
Spring 2026**

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Course Prefix, Number, Title, and Credits

EDHI 699: Research Practicum in Higher Education (3 credits)

Prerequisites

None

Permissions

by Permission of Doctoral Committee Chair or Department Chair

Clinical Experience

None

Rationale

This required course provides a Research Practicum experience with a focus on research and writing skills for publication. The course is designed for graduate students within the **Higher Education Doctoral Program**.

Course Description

The Research Practicum in Higher Education course will provide students with individualized mentoring as they prepare to move research manuscripts into publishable form. The course simultaneously assists students with elevating their understanding of the most recent published research in the field of Higher Education.

Objectives

- To assist students in developing research and writing skills leading to publication under the direction of a faculty mentor.
- To provide students with an opportunity to increase research self-efficacy by creating, analyzing, and evaluating research reports.
- To assist students with preparing a manuscript suitable for submission to a refereed journal or book calling for refereed chapters.

University Statement

We are committed to ensuring that all members of the community are welcome, through valuing the various experiences and worldviews represented at Ball State and among those we serve. We

*promote a culture of respect and civil discourse. If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, please contact the instructor of record as soon as possible. Ball State's **Disability Services** office coordinates services for students with disabilities; documentation of a disability needs to be on file in that office before any accommodations can be provided. Disability Services can be contacted at 765-285-5293 or dsd@bsu.edu.*

Academic Dishonesty Statement

As students of the university you must conduct yourself in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity. Academic dishonesty includes any type of cheating or plagiarism, both inadvertent and intentional. Academic dishonesty by a student will not be tolerated and will be treated in accordance with the BSU Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Section 7 (Student Academic Ethics Policy, sections 7.2.2a-d). An ethics violation, depending on the severity, can lead to a zero for the assignment, failure of the course, or expulsion from BSU. Per University policy, all ethics violations, even if resolved at the instructor level, are reported to the University. Everything you turn in must be your own original work. If you are unclear about this policy or my expectations, you must notify me immediately. Claiming that you did not understand the concepts of plagiarism, proper referencing, or cheating will not be an acceptable defense after you have already turned in an assignment.

Course Design

This course is an independent study. You will complete, be held accountable to, and be assessed based on the Learning Contract located on the following page.

**Learning Contract, EDHI 699, Research Practicum in Higher Education,
Spring 2026**

Please complete the following and return this document to Dr. Stephens-Peace

(1) My goals for this course include the following:

(2) In accordance with my goals (above), I will complete the following tasks within the following timeline:

(3) I will share with Dr. Stephens-Peace the following deliverables from this course no later than Friday, May 1, 2026

(4) Throughout this course, I anticipate needing help, support, and guidance from Dr. Stephens-Peace in the following ways:

Signatures

_____ (date)

[YOUR NAME HERE]

_____ (date)

Dr. Kat Stephens-Peace