



## Course Information

Prefix & number	Title
EDST 602A	Doctoral seminar
Instructor	Prerequisites or restrictions (if any)
Drs. Alison Taylor and Fei Wang	Students in the EdD program are eligible to enrol.

### Focus or Content

#### *General Description*

This is the final required course in the EdD Program and is meant to be both an integrative experience and preparation for the next phases of students' program—namely, the comprehensive exam, proposal, and dissertation. Because both the comprehensive exam and dissertation proposal require students to present a clear “problem statement” or purpose for their research and a critical review of the literature or conceptual and theoretical framework, the seminar will discuss and practice these important skills. The integrative aspect of the seminar will challenge students to discuss the relationship between what they have learned during the EdD Program and what they hope to learn from dissertation research.

### Goals, Objectives or Learning Outcomes

Activities in each of the four weekend classes will be designed to provide opportunities for cohort members to review the intellectual resources encountered in students' program (within required and elective courses and in additional explorations) and how these resources (concepts, theories, ideas, research) assist in developing a deeper and perhaps different understanding of and perspective on students' practice. A secondary purpose is to discuss the practical and political aspects of refining a research topic, developing a proposal, pulling together a research committee, and planning for the stages and activities involved in doctoral research.

### Assignments or Assessment Process

This course is pass/fail

Assignments build on one another and include:

Statement of research problem, a short literature review, a conceptual and theoretical framework, and final integrative paper.

**Notes/Other**

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