

EDUC-K 590: Early Inquiry Experience Requirements

The Early Inquiry Experience provides doctoral students with the opportunity to conduct a research project prior to entering doctoral candidacy and completing their dissertation. To complete the Early Inquiry Experience, students write a proposal for their research study, conduct the study, and write a manuscript to document the study's completion. These three requirements are further described below:

- Write a Research Proposal for the Early Inquiry Experience
 - Develop a research proposal for your Early Inquiry Experience study that includes:
 - Study background/rationale
 - Review of relevant research
 - Methodology (Including sample selection, procedures, etc.)
 - Data analysis plan
- Conduct Early Inquiry Experience Study (i.e., research investigation)
 - Obtain IRB approval (if applicable)
 - Collect and analyze data
- Write a Manuscript to Document Completion of the Early Inquiry Experience
 - The manuscript should be written in APA format and include:
 - Study background/rationale
 - Review of relevant research
 - Methodology
 - Data analysis
 - Results
 - Discussion
 - Reference list

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- Obtain the commitment a SpEd faculty member to supervise your Early Inquiry Experience (i.e., EDUC-K 590 supervisor), such as your advisor, an advisory committee member, or another SpEd faculty member in the area of your identified research project.
- Discuss potential Early Inquiry Experience project ideas with your advisor and SpEd faculty supervisor.
- Register for EDUC-K 590. The official name in the One.IU course browser is “Independent Study or Research in Special Education.” Register for the section of EDUC-K 590 that states, “For completion of the Early Inquiry Experience” in the course notes.
- Complete the EDUC-K 590 Early Inquiry Experience Agreement form ([Appendix D](#)), which includes:
 - A brief abstract for your Early Inquiry Experience project, including a background/rationale, methodology, and data analysis plan.
 - Due dates for each of the major project requirements.
- Submit the EDUC-K 590 Early Inquiry Experience Agreement form to your EDUC-K 590 supervisor and all advisory committee members for approval. This form must be signed by all advisory committee members and returned to your EDUC-K 590 supervisor prior to beginning your Early Inquiry Experience. The EDUC-K 590 supervisor and the doctoral student should each retain a copy of the form for their records.