



Course Outline

EDMED7112 MINOR THESIS

Title:	MINOR THESIS
Code:	EDMED7112
Formerly:	TM912
School / Division:	School of Education
Level:	Advanced
Pre-requisites:	Nil
Co-requisites:	Nil
Exclusions:	(TM912)
Progress Units:	60
ASCED Code:	070199

Objectives:

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to:

Content:

The Minor Thesis allows the candidate to draw on themes or issues referred to or arising from Coursework, and to construct and pursue a particular problem or question for research. The candidate will undertake this research with supervision by a member of staff. As a Minor Thesis, the investigation must necessarily be modest in scale and must contain clear indications of its intentions, assumptions and scope. It is expected that it will reflect awareness of ideas, arguments and approaches found in relevant literature and that it will entail critical reflection on educational practice (perhaps aspects of the candidate's own area of professional practice). While the Minor Thesis may draw to some extent from the work of others, it must demonstrate a critical appreciation of its relationship to the work of others and of the nature of its own knowledge, the ability to conduct a research program, and adequate writing and presentation skills. Following the supervisor's statement of readiness to submit, the Minor Thesis will have two examiners (12,000 – 15,000 words)

* The Minor Thesis is a two-semester course and, for administrative purposes, has several course codes:

- EDMED7112 for those commencing the course in semester 1 of any given year, and continuing on into semester 2 of the same year.
- EDMED7016 (Part 1) and EDMED7045 (Part 2) for those commencing the course in semester 2 of any given year and continuing in semester 1 of the following year.

Outline of likely stages of progress in the Minor Thesis

Please read the following guidelines in conjunction with the handout entitled 'Supervision, Submission and Examination of Minor Theses'.



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1. Articulate a question or problem which will be the focus of your thesis. This should be based on work completed in EDMED7037.
2. Identify a possible supervisor and approach him/her to request supervision.
3. Apply to the Postgraduate Programs Coordinator (through the intended supervisor) for formal appointment of the supervisor (and co supervisor where relevant), using the appropriate form (EDMED7112/Form S).
4. In discussion with the supervisor(s), confirm the proposal developed for EDMED7112.
5. Apply to the University's Human Research Ethics Committee for approval to conduct your research. The application form can be downloaded from the University's website. A schedule of the Committee's meeting dates may also be found at this site. Your supervisor will assist you with the preparation of the application. No data gathering may commence without ethical clearance.
6. With your supervisor, develop a timeline for progress of the research and completion of the thesis. You may also wish to organise a regular meeting time.
7. When the thesis is completed to your satisfaction and that of your supervisor(s), apply to the Program Coordinator for the appointment of examiners, using the appropriate form (EDMED7112/FormE).
8. Submit two copies of the thesis to the Program coordinator to be passed on to the examiners. These need not be bound.
9. If required to re-submit, arrange a date for this. Make any changes required by the examiners (and have your supervisor check them) before submitting the required two copies, one for inclusion in the Library collection and one to be kept in the School of Education.

Learning Tasks & Assessment:

Adopted Reference Style:

APA

Library Website:

http://www.ballarat.edu.au/aasp/student/learning_support/generalguide/