## **Dissertation Resources**

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# Welcome

#### Tell Us About Yourself

- Year in the EdD program?
- What is your proposal or dissertation about? (In 250 words or less.)
- Where are you in your proposal or dissertation process? (Again, in 250 words or less.)
- How's it going?

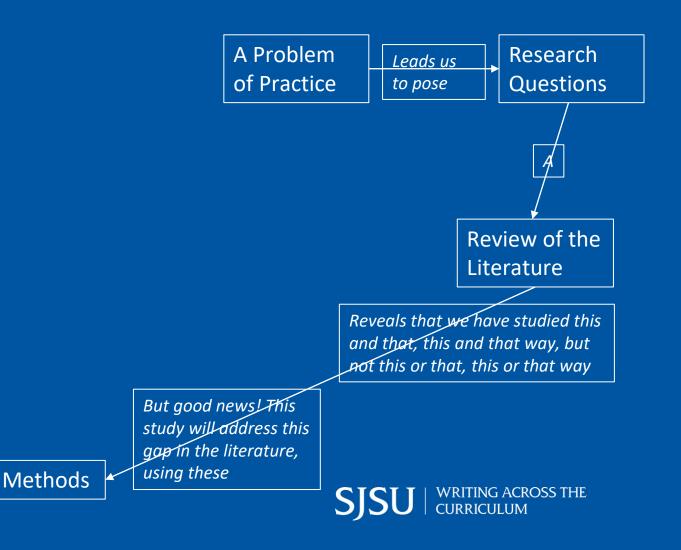


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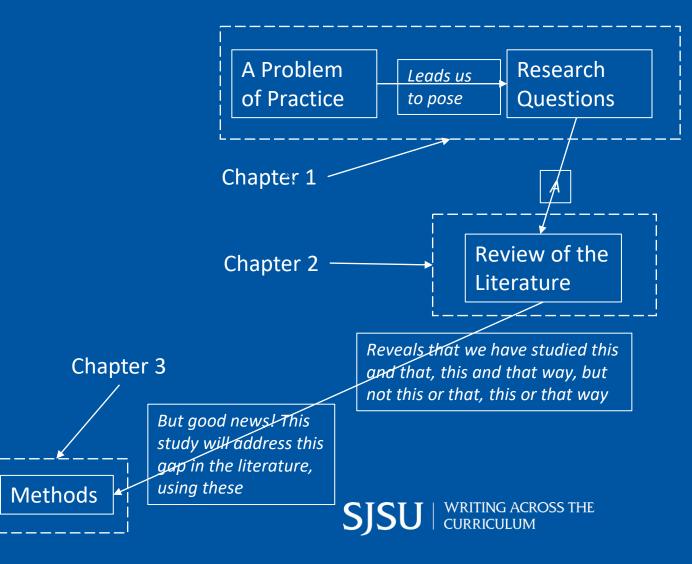
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- The Proposal and Dissertation Process
- A Possible Process for Drafting and Formatting Your Dissertation
- Overview of Dissertation Resources
- Q&A



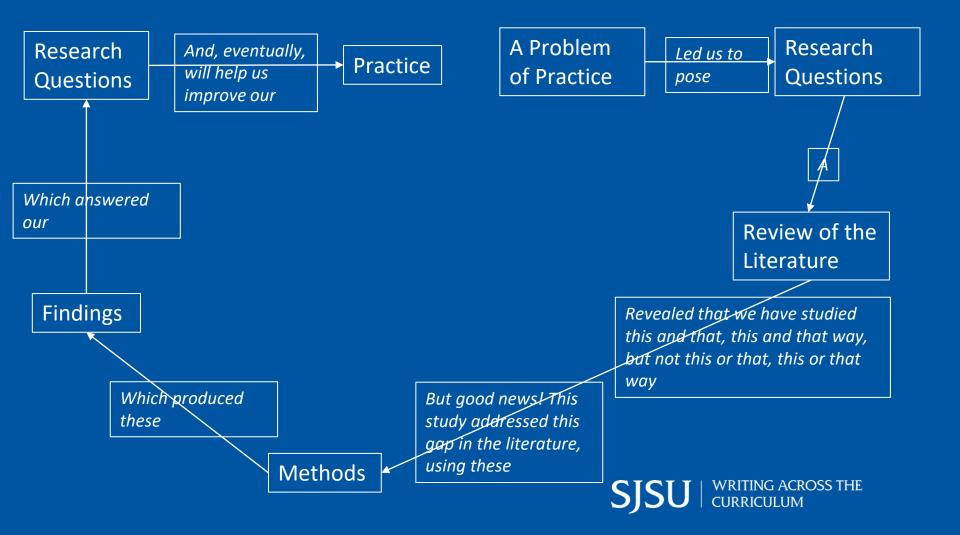
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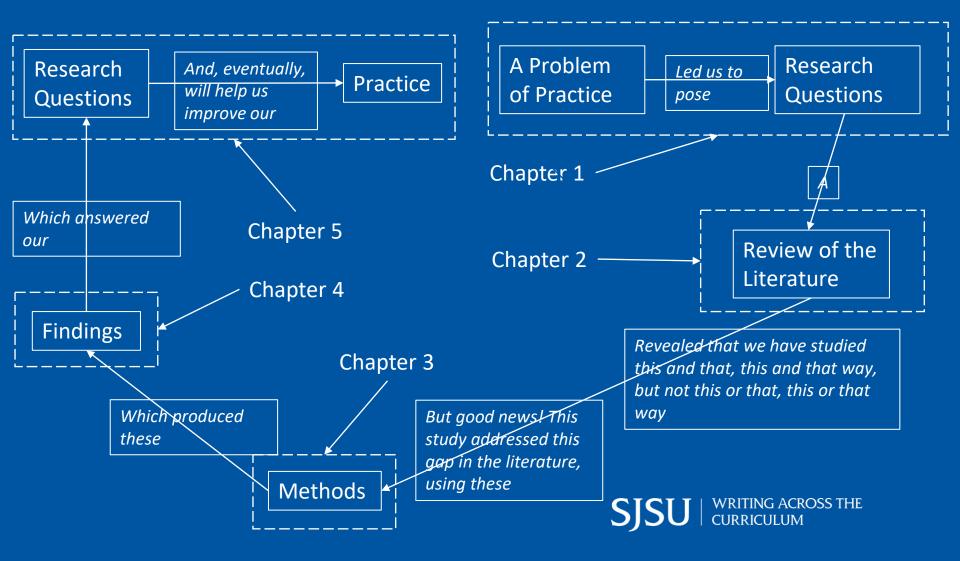
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#### The Dissertation Process



#### Drafting and Formatting Your Proposal or Dissertation

You Don't Have to Do Everything At Once

Three elements in your dissertation:

- Words (Content)
- Figures and Tables (Content)
- Formatting (Not Content)



# Drafting and Formatting Your Proposal or Dissertation

A Suggestion

Work on your Content and your Formatting separately.

#### Why?

- They are separate processes.
- It's easy to get all caught up in formatting before you need to do it.
  - Which slows you down.



## A Possible Process For Drafting and Formatting

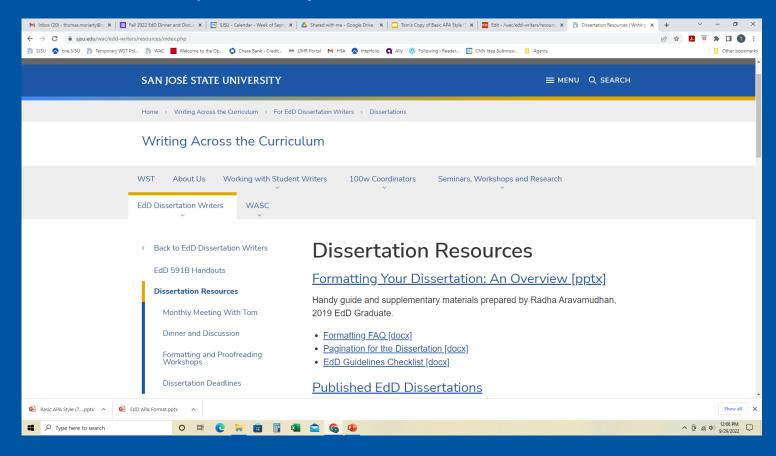
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Format your document in Word

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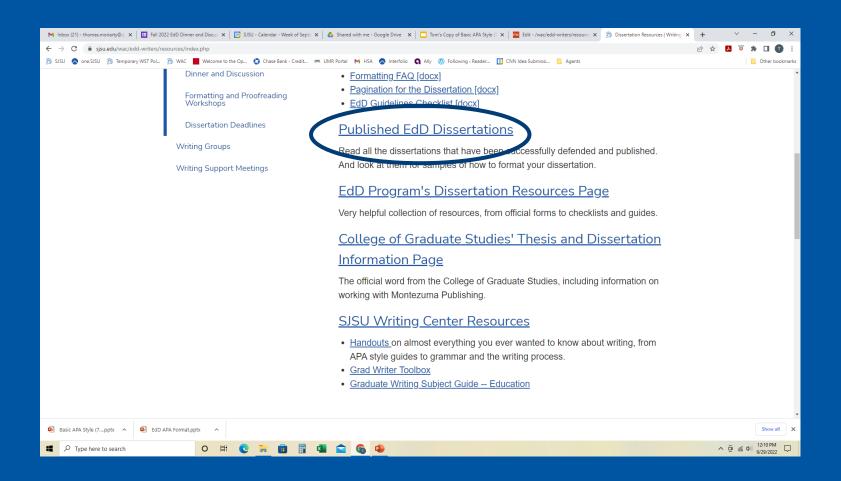
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#### Table 3

Quality Constraints/Solutions Affecting Expansion/Improvement of ECE

Quality Constraint	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
Lack of consistent quality measures/data/assessments			Х	Х	
Quality metrics are not aligned with curriculum			х		
No standard definition/understanding of quality				х	х
Not quality unless impacts outcomes for children			х		
Quality is not tied to funding	х				Х
No accountability/evaluation in public sector	х				Х
Quality solution		R2	R3	R4	R5
Define quality: teachers, school improvement, outcomes	х		Х		х
Avoid poverty-only schools – all benefit from diversity			Х		х
Identify menu of evidence-based curricula				х	
Assess for quality (family satisfaction, child outcomes)	х		Х		
Focus on data that supports teachers/children	х		х		
Tie funding to quality measures	х				

Note: X's indicate the topic emerged or was addressed in the interview.

Policy/legislation. Insufficient policy development and legislation was discussed by all respondents as the area most in need of improvement. Respondents noted that policymaking and legislation, because they are systemic in nature, affect all other factors impeding expansion and improvement of ECE programs and services, including funding, teacher workforce issues, and quality concerns. The constraint of policy/legislation is



include here, with the recommendation that future studies pursue a more representative sample.

As Figure 1 illustrates, while all respondents agree that childcare/preschool should be considered an important investment for all children in California, and that it is not easy to find affordable, high-quality childcare/preschool throughout the state, the differences across political parties were significant (ps<.001, the threshold of significance when applying a Bonferroni correction).

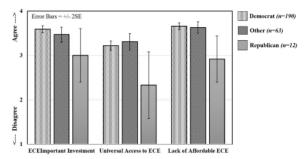


Figure 1. Survey responses divided by political party (question set 1). Reports responses to the following statements: "Policymakers should consider childcare/preschool an important investment in CA," "All families in California should have access to free or subsidized childcare/preschool," and "There is currently a lack of affordable, high-quality preschool programs in CA."

In addition, Figure 2 as illustrates, respondents also disagree on the extent to which

childcare/preschool should be included in the overall education budget in California, or

paid for by public taxes. Also, there are stark differences based on political party

preference for whether families should bear the cost of childcare/preschool and whether



