I. TITLE: Specialty Study

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to enable the student, with the supervision of his/her graduate faculty committee, to select a problem directly related to the student’s area of concentration, survey the research literature, collect research data and prepare to write the research paper. Prerequisites: ADM 630 (may be taken simultaneously); CNS 683

III. PURPOSE: This course is designed to help students conceptualize, coordinate, collect, analyze, and summarize empirical data for their specialty study. Students can utilize file data or human subject data they collect themselves. The study can be experimental, quasi-experimental, or qualitative.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES: Completion of the Ed.S. specialty study. Students will refine their skills in conceptualizing their research ideas, conducting the literature review, collecting and analyzing data, and interpreting and presenting the results of the study. The study will be defended with their Ed.S. study committee.

PT- This course provides students with professional training.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE: The instructor for this course will work individually with students in guiding them in conceptualizing their subject matter/topic, reviewing the literature, collecting and analyzing data, and finally in conveying the results in writing. Timelines are below:

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Discussion and written feedback of the Ed.S. study chapters

VII. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES: Students are required to collect and analyze human subjects data, after having their topic and procedures approved by the IRB

VIII. RESOURCES: Students will utilize the MSU library holdings and instructor-provided resources

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES: This is a pass/fail course. Successful completion of this courses depends upon when the Ed.S. study is completed and defended with the student’s Ed.S. committee. “R” grades will be given for those who fail to complete the course within one semester. The grading
policy specified in the Graduate Bulletin will followed for those students obtaining the R grade.

X. ATTENDANCE POLICY:
This course adheres to the attendance policy stated in the current MSU Graduate Bulletin.
Attendance is expected when meetings are scheduled. Any foreseen absence must be discussed with the instructor.

XI. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:
This course adheres to the academic honesty policy stated in the current MSU Graduate Bulletin.

XII. TEXT AND REFERENCES:
A. Texts: None
B. References: APA Style Manual (current edition); handouts

XIII. PREREQUISITES: ADM 630 (may be taken simultaneously); CNS 683

XIV. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT:
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