EDEC 260 Diversity  
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Library

Lab Requirement: In-Depth Topic Research

"The candidate researches a topic of diversity in depth for obtaining more specific academic, theoretical knowledge and various socio-cultural phenomena which are related to young children, their families, education, and lives. The key purpose of the research is to understand the complex social, historical, economic and cultural hegemony that influence young children’s learning experiences and quality of life.

In the research, each candidate is expected to include:

• An overview of the topic which allows the candidate to look at general trends and current socio-cultural phenomena in multicultural education.
• A discussion of an important/controversial issue or aspect in the topic the candidate selects in order to become expert of the topic by conducting more detailed, thorough review of the particular issue.
• The candidate’s critical thought about and analysis on the focused issue referring to the course learning and reading and relating early childhood education.
• At least two further questions to discuss and ponder
• A list of various references and resources used for research"

Assignment:

You may select a group to work with—please be mindful that everyone gets selected for a group.

Your group may answer 1 of the following questions. Each group may only have 1 question. I will assign the question.

1. Bullying: What is bullying in schools? How have schools coped with this national crisis? What are the issues in dealing with bullying?
2. Children Literature: What should I look for in children’s literature to create a diverse reading selection?
3. Disabilities: How can I as a teacher educate my students about disabilities and the myths?
4. Family: What is the definition of a family? How can I reach diverse family populations?
5. Cultural Awareness: How should I treat different holiday/celebrations in my classroom?
6. Poverty: What is the current state of children in Ohio and the trends of poverty?

You are not being asked to answer the question but to find out if the question were proposed and you needed to write a research paper or give a presentation—how would you conduct a literature/research topic review?

Before you begin to research a topic you must know how to use the library and its resources. You will need to find 10-15 sources and list them in APA format. You will print off one resource, highlight the relevant information and present your findings to the class and distributing them as a resource guide.