

EFPY 805: Practicum in Educational Psychology
Department of Educational Foundations
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Course Outline

Course Code: EFPY 805

Course Name: Practicum in Educational Psychology

Credit Load: 2 Credits

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Semester: First

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Course Objectives

- Students will conduct an Action Research Project by identifying a problem, collecting data, making an action plan, implementing the action plan, and evaluating the action plan.
- Students will understand the key components of an Action Research Project.
- Students will be able to develop an action plan
- Students will be able to evaluate the impact of the action plan.

Course Outline

- Introduction to Action Research
- Identifying a problem
- Finding resources
- Instruments for collecting data
- Developing an action plan
- Evaluating the action plan
- Practicum (6 weeks)
 - Week 1: Observation of a classroom
 - By the end of the week, you will have identified a problem to address
 - Week 2: Collect data about the problem
 - Week 3: Develop an action plan with other key stakeholders
 - Weeks 4 and 5: Implement the Action Plan
 - Week 6: Evaluate the Action Plan

Readings

Creswell, J. W. (2012). *Educational research: Planning, conducting, and evaluating quantitative and qualitative research* (4th ed.). Boston: Pearson Education. Chapter 12: Action Research Designs.

Final Report

- Statement of Problem. Clearly identify the problem under study in the context of the classroom.
- Brief Literature Review. Briefly review other resources on the general problem.
- Methods of Data Collection. Describe the research design (action research), participant(s), instruments used to collect data, and specific procedures used to collect the data.
- Action Plan. Based on the data collected, develop an Action Plan together with key stakeholders.
- Evaluation of Action Plan. Evaluate the effectiveness of the Action Plan, using additional data collected after the implementation of the Action Plan.