The Master’s Research Report is a capstone document for master’s students that choose a non-thesis option. The document is intended to be an implemented as a culmination of a course that has been recommended by each department. See your advisor for more details on the course.

All students completing the non-thesis option of master’s degree programs (except MBA, CSD, SWK) must submit a copy of the final paper/final research project and the Master’s Report Submission Form (electronically) to the Office of Graduate Studies (for more information see: final paper/final research project submission criteria on the Graduate School website). All papers submitted to the Graduate School must be received in a timely manner before the end of the semester in which the student seeks to complete the degree program.

**Master’s Research Report Guidelines**

Select a Topic

The subject should be chosen from the student’s field and must be approved by the professor/advisor.

Document Development

The student is advised to consult the Master's Research Report Guidelines for general information regarding the preparation of a thesis/dissertation. Located on the Graduate webpage or click the link above.

Review Process

A multi phased process for the review, development, and culmination of the student document by the student, faculty reviewers and student advisor.

Continue through the clearance process

At the conclusion of the review process. Student will proceed in the graduation clearance process to satisfy all requirements of graduation for their program area.
Action Research

All students seeking Ed.S. degrees must complete an Action Research project. Action Research projects are designed to solve practical problems through the application of the scientific method. Most projects are concerned with a local problem and are conducted in a local setting. Action research problems may employ either a quantitative or qualitative methodology. In the completion of the Action Research Project students must adhere to the following:

1. Enroll in the courses FED 696 and FED 697 (courses must be taken in sequence).

2. Prepare an Action Research paper proposal in conjunction with the instructor of FED 696. Each proposal must:
   a. Briefly state the rationale for the study.
   b. Describe the population from which the study will target. How many subjects will be used and how will they be selected (If consent will have to be given by proxy, be sure to include a statement of why this particular project is merited with this population).
   c. Describe in non-technical terms the experimental research procedures to which subjects will be exposed. Include sufficient detail so that the instructor of FED 696 can independently evaluate the risks to subjects. If questionnaires will be used, include copies of these items with your proposal.
   d. Describe the procedures you will use to insure that information gleamed from participants will remain confidential, or give reasons why this cannot be done. In cases involving sensitive or potentially harmful information, where subject identities are to be retained please describe your security procedures.

3. Once project has been approved by the instructor of FED 696 student continue to development of the Action Research proposal in FED 697.

4. After the final paper has been approved by the instructor of FED 697 the student must submit a copy of the paper Action Research Submission Form electronically to the Office of Graduate Studies using the ETD process (for more information see: Action Research/Final Research paper submission criteria on the Graduate School website). All papers submitted to the Graduate School must be submitted at least three weeks before the end of the semester in which the student seeks to complete the degree program.