Master of Education Program  
Final Project Options for Oral Examination

The crucial preparation of a successful Oral Examination rests on the successful final project that includes a written paper. This culminating written project provides students an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and competency in understanding, using, and/or contributing to research by articulating, interpreting, and reflecting upon information from their selected area of focus.

The project and focus of research a student chooses must be discussed and developed with the student’s advisor. Each program may limit students to a certain option. All the options must be written according to Department of Education writing expectations standards, which are based on the latest edition of APA Manual and required in all graduate classes. The students may have the following options for the culminating project.

a) Research Project: This inquiry option allows the student to develop a worthy project, including action research, with identified quantitative and/or qualitative research methods. The project should include five chapters: 1) Introduction, 2) Literature Review, 3) Project Design, 4) Project Implementation & Analysis, and 5) Conclusions & Reflections. Students pursuing a Master’s degree and Professional Certification are highly encouraged to adopt this option.

b) Research Report: This professional paper should include a minimum of 40 sources to ensure an extensive review of literature, and a thoughtful synthesis of all the information. It should include at least four chapters: 1) Introduction, 2) Literature Review, 3) Research Analysis, and 4) Recommendations.

c) Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment Project: The student will conduct an extensive review of literature on certain teaching models and propose a comprehensive curriculum unit with several detailed long-range lesson plans to demonstrate validity and viability of the curriculum unit. This project should include five chapters: 1) Introduction, 2) Literature Review, 3) Curriculum Design/Instructional Plan, 4) Assessment and Evaluation, and 5) Predicted Implementation and Reflections. MIT students are highly recommended for this option.

d) Thesis: The student will complete a thesis following the instructions on form and style from the Graduate Studies Office. Four copies of the thesis must be presented to the Graduate Studies Office within 10 days after the oral examination, or by the end of the quarter, whichever comes first. A $50.00 binding fee must be paid.