EDU 7900 – Qualitative Research: Method and Analysis Professor Korynne Taylor-Dunlop

Qualitative Research is the last class for the 2004-2005 school year for the students in Cohort 5. This was an extremely informative class based on the fact that we learned a great deal of information on how to pick a dissertation topic and the steps that are needed to complete it. We now have a better understanding of the actual process to complete our research. I can actually say that as our professor and 2 visiting students spoke, the whole class listened with every ounce of our being. We were engulfed with their knowledge of what needs to be done, what should have been done and what is to come. Dr. Dunlop took the time to speak to us and answer any questions or concerns that we may have had. She understood that there was a need for this type of interaction between the class and the administration. We received the Comprehensive Doctoral Portfolio Exam document that outlines the Portfolio Assessment Instrument. Once again, we were given a glance as to what we should prepare for in the up-coming year in preparation for the Portfolio Exam.

Assignments and exercises such as the 5 minute observation and the case study will further increase our ability to observe, interview and gather data for the actual writing of the dissertation. The knowledge gathered in Qualitative Research, will become the foundation to our research.