With this document, the Department of Professional Programs (DPP), and more specifically the educational administration program, is requesting authorization to deliver the next doctoral level course in a sequence of doctoral level courses through a doctoral program collaborative between Texas A&M University (TAMU) College Station and Texas A&M International University (TAMIU).

As such, this should be considered a request for the development and delivery of a new doctoral level course. The title of the course being proposed is EDAM 6307 Qualitative Research Methods. It is being developed with the intention that this course will count for a total of three semester credit hours (SCH). No authorization to deliver a lab in conjunction with this course is being requested.

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EDAM 6307 Qualitative Research Methods. Three semester hours.

The intent of this course is to develop a theoretical understanding of qualitative research and how this theory applies to your understanding of how to conduct qualitative research. This class teaches students how to collect and analyze data, conduct cross cultural research, consider ethical dimensions in conducting qualitative to evaluate sound methodological practices and design qualitative research studies. Prerequisite: Approval by TAMU doctoral program advisor.

Course Objectives:
1. To understand the various aspects of qualitative research and be able to identify multiple methods for data collection and data analysis.

2. To be able to apply various data collection and data analysis procedures when conducting qualitative research.

3. To understand the implications of the ethical dimensions of conducting qualitative methods.

4. To understand the implications of conducting cross race/cultural data and its relationship between you and the subjects.

5. To develop an ability to be critical of methodology and findings of various methods to conduct qualitative research.

Instrumental and Expressive Objectives:
- Develop experience in and participate in collecting data via qualitative inquiry
- Discuss the interview as a research strategy
- Practice in editing and critiquing academic writing
- Apply, in a beginning way, a variety of qualitative methods in a formal research paper
- Articulate and understanding of the role of reflexivity and of your own strengths and weaknesses as a “human instrument”.
- Justify your choice of an inquiry paradigm for future research endeavors.
- Developing an in-depth understanding of the major methods of research associated with qualitative inquiry (participant-observation, interviewing, document analysis);
- Critiquing qualitative studies;
- Developing a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the strengths and limitations of various approaches to "doing" qualitative inquiry.