**MA in ED THESIS/PROJECT CHAPTER OVERVIEW**

As interpreted by Anne René Elsbree, Ph.D., confirm expectations w/your committee.

**CHAPTER 1: STATEMENT OF PROBLEM**

1. **Introduction**

* Paragraph including a narrative "hook”
* Background
* Statement of the Problem
* Preview all sections of the chapter by heading name

**2. Purpose of the Study**

* Rationale
* Research Question(s)

**3. Preview of Literature**

* Name the themes & authors included in the literature review
* Themes provide solutions to the problem, not explain problem

**4. Preview Methodology**

* List the steps you will take t complete the thesis or project

**5. Significance of Study**

* Who will benefit, how and why

**6. Conclusion**

* Summary Paragraph & transition to Chapter II-Review of Literature

**7. Definitions of Terms**

* Add a paragraph to define each word

**CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW**

1. **Introduction/Overview of the Context of Literature: R**ecap purpose of thesis/project & preview all sections in chapter
2. **Theme 1:** Describethe 1st solution that could solve the problem you are addressing in the thesis/project
3. **Theme 2:** Describethe 2nd solution that could solve the problem you are addressing in the thesis/project
4. **Theme 3:** Describe the 3rd solution that could solve the problem you are addressing in the thesis/project
5. **Conclusion:** Summary of Chapter & Transition to Chapter 3

**CHAPTER 3: METHODOLOGY**

1. **Introduction:** Recap purpose of thesis/project & preview all sections in chapter
2. **Design:** Describe the type of research or project
3. **Participants:** Criteria for who is in the study & why
4. **Settings:** Location of thesis or project
5. **Instruments:** Materials used in thesis or project
6. **Procedures:** Steps to complete thesis/project
7. **Analysis:** How did you analyze the thesis data**?**
8. **Conclusion:** Summary of Chapter & Transition to Chapter 4

**CHAPTER 4: DATA/PROJECT PRESENTATION**

**THESIS**

1. **Introduction:** Recap purpose of thesis/project & preview all sections in chapter
2. **Data Presentation:** Describe data/what was found
3. **Data Analysis:** How does data answers research questions?
4. **Interpretation:** How does the analysis inform education? What does this mean for education?
5. **Chapter Conclusion:** Summary of Chapter & Transition to Chapter 5

**PROJECT:** Complete Curriculum or Project

1. **Introduction to Project Curriculum or Program:** Rationale and Organization
2. **Unit Calendar:** Objectives, standards, student activities and assessments for each day of unit
3. **Lesson Plans & Instructional Materials**
4. **Resources & References**

**CHAPTER 5: RECOMMENDATIONS**

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| **THESIS**  **1. Introduction:** Recap purpose of thesis and preview all sections in chapter  **2. Summary of Findings**  **3. Summary of Interpretations in Context**  **4. Educational Recommendations**  **5. Limitations of Research**  **6. Future Directions of Research and/or Curriculum & Instruction Development**  **7. Conclusion:** Summarize Thesis Chapters |

**PROJECT**

**1. Introduction:** Recap purpose of project and preview all sections in chapter

**2. Summary of Project Product**

**3. Lessons Learned** (Can be combined with #4 below)

**4. Educational Recommendations**

**5. Implementation Plans**

**6. Limitations of Project**

**7. Future Directions of Research and/or Curriculum & Instruction Development**

**8. Conclusion:** Summarize Project Chapters

**REFERENCES:** Include References in APA Format

**APPENDIX:** IRB (if applicable), Instruments, Instructional Materials, Data…