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Selected Background Reading

This selection of reading is meant to be treated as a menu: you should select the ones which interest you or which will help you update your knowledge in an area in which you think that is needed. The topics have been chosen because they are currently live issues in Educational Psychology practice and/or are relevant to aspects of the work you can expect to do on the Doctorate programme. This list of references is intended to provide an opportunity to do a spot of preparatory reading before the first year of the DEdPsy course begins in January.

The organization and practice of Educational Psychology


Recent advances in the study of child development


Developments in Education and Inclusion


Effective multi-agency working.


Applying Psychology in Education and Social Care


Research Methods and Statistics


A practical introduction with useful coverage of issues in the ethics of research with children


A very easy to follow step by step guide to carrying out statistical analysis for psychologists in SPSS. The book can be used to address different statistical needs: it flags what you need to know just to get through the analysis but also has boxed sections if you are interested in understanding more about the statistical theory. A great book if you are not familiar with SPSS or need to brush up on some of your skills.


An excellent introduction to applied research methods in psychology, which while it is aimed at clinical psychologists is pertinent to many of the problems faced in EP research.


If you are reasonably confident on the statistics but need a refresher on the use of SPSS, this may be the book for you.


A wide-ranging overview of different approaches to qualitative research methods.

Journals specifically focused on EP practice

*Educational Psychology in Practice*
*Educational and Child Psychology*
*Journal of School Psychology*
*School Psychology International*