***Developing Learners' Spirituality and Inner World***

***through the Unity of Family and School***

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***60 Day – Developmental Readings***

Begin work on 120-day Research for 21st Century Paper (see below)

**1. Structure (Paper Evaluation includes the following structure below).**

• Download the “OGS APA Course Assignments Template 7th Ed 2021” template from the **General Helps** folder in the AA-101 The Gathering Place Course on DIAL. Using the template, create the following pages.

• Title Page (Not included in page count).

• Copy and paste the assignment instructions from the syllabus starting on a new page after the title page, adhering to APA 7th edition style (APA 7

Workshop, Formatting, and Style Guide, APA 7 Quick Guide). • Start the introduction on a new page after the copied assignment instructions.

2. In preparation for your 120-day assignment, choose a scholarly topic of interest. Type the topic on the title line on the cover page *and* the first page of the paper. Explain your reasoning for choosing the topic in the introduction section (after the title and *before* the first Level 1 heading) of the paper. Use your best *academic* voice, correct sentence structure, tense, and punctuation.

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3. Develop a list of search terms and phrases that pertain to the subject chosen and include these immediately following the first Level 1 heading. Give the list a name and use the name as the Level 1 heading (use the heading styles in the template and the APA 7 Manual or Guide provided in the hyperlinks in this syllabus). Present the list in a complete sentence or a bulleted list with an opener (e.g., *Search terms related to the topic of this paper are as follows:*). Use correct punctuation.

4. Locate a minimumof two books (minimum of one published in the last five years) relevant to your chosen topic and develop an APA reference for each book. Insert the properly formatted references in the Works Cited section of the paper.

5. Locate five primary research journal articles relevant to your chosen topic; four articles must be**less than five years old**. Develop a reference for each journal article and insert the references into the Works Cited section. Put your references in alphabetical order.

6. Remove the *sample* references from the Works Cited page. Update with your Works Cited.

7. Document all sources in APA style, 7th edition (APA 7 Reference Example, APA 7 Quick Guide) for in-text citations and Work Cited. Include page numbers.

8. Include a separate **Works Cited** page, formatted according to APA style, 7th edition (not included in page count).

9. Submit through **DIAL** to the professor.

While choosing a topic of interest, it is important to determine how relevant and socially significant the research topic is at the current moment. As I see it, the topic should address a pressing social issue that resonates with colleagues and researchers working in the field and ideally with a wider audience, and it should most certainly resonate within the researcher's heart. I am an educator by profession, and I am also a mother of two school children, which is why I would like to focus attention on the issue of developing learners' spirituality through the unity of family and school.

In the modern world and the new era of rapidly developing information technologies, education is faced with challenging problems, as the task of educators at the present moment is not only to transmit knowledge and help learners develop the necessary 21st century skills, but, what is far more important, they should also assist in developing harmonious personality, learners' spirituality and their inner world.

In order to overcome the present social and cultural crisis and ensure a stable society, we have to find ways to promote learners' spiritual development, so that school would educate a person with both well-developed intellectual and spiritual capabilities and high moral values (Grasmane and Pipere, 2020).

There has been a lot of research on spirituality in education recently. With regard to the issues of spiritual development and education, the majority of researchers suggest that in order to address the current social problems, a new approach to education is needed. The new educational approach should encompass social, intellectual, physical, aesthetic, emotional and spiritual aspects of learning, with an emphasis on developing learners' spirituality and their inner world (Miseliunaite and Kliziene, 2022).

*Search terms related to the topic of this paper are as follows:*

*Spirituality and education, spiritual development, the unity of family and school, learners' spirituality and inner world, spiritual aspects of learning.*

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