Writing Your Doctoral Dissertation or Thesis Faster
A Proven Map to Success

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“It is extremely readable and candid. As a faculty [member], I want students to know the ‘real deal’. The approach offered in this book provides one that is holistic, realizing that our students are people with lives that influence the dissertation process. Multiple voices of students and faculty add a wonderful dynamic. Love the availability of PowerPoint slides, which will help me tremendously in my dissertation seminar.”
—Gretchen McAllister, Northern Arizona University

“I really like the detail, experiences, reflections by students, and the layout.”
—Gene Gloeckner, Colorado State University

A doctoral dissertation is arguably the most important journey that students will embark upon in their professional careers, so smart travelers will want E. Alana James and Tracesea H. Slater’s Writing Your Doctoral Dissertation or Thesis Faster: A Proven Map to Success at their fingertips. James and Slater identify the key places and challenges that create extra stress during the dissertation process, and offer effective strategies and tools to address those challenges and ensure academic success. Their map walks readers through each step of the process, including:

• determining the research topic,
• choosing appropriate methods,
• turning a hypothesis into a study,
• completing a literature review,
• writing and defending a proposal,
• collecting and analyzing data,
• writing up the study, and
• ultimately defending the dissertation.

Building on years of experience with doctoral students, the authors provide a comprehensive, yet easy-to-use tool that encourages student reflection; includes student stories, hints, and writing tips; and provides end-of-chapter checklists and ideas for incorporating social media. With the proven techniques and guidance of this indispensable book, doctoral students will finish their thesis or dissertation—faster!
PART I. Designing Your Dissertation or Doctoral Thesis
1. Do You Understand What is Required in a Doctoral Dissertation or Thesis?
2. Do You Have an Idea for a Topic
4. Do You Know How to Develop Your Research Design, and Methodology?
5. Do You Understand How to Fine Tune Your Methodological Choices? Moving From Basics to Getting Ready to Write

PART II. Writing and Defending Your Proposal
6. Are You Ready to Write Your Methodology?
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PART III. Findings/Conclusions and Writing Your Final Dissertation or Thesis
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