

Edd Student Fireside Chat – Notes & Key Takeaways
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Words of Experience

1. Know that you are not alone. There is a good chance that someone else is feeling the same way.
2. Use your network. Your cohort, peers, colleagues who have gone through a doctoral program.
 - a. Make writing teams
 - b. Meet regularly – in person or virtually
3. Create a dedicated workspace. One that is not your office or where you work from home.
4. Dedicate time to work on coursework, research, or writing.
 - a. Take breaks.
5. Know your resources.
 - a. Doctoral study space in Library
 - b. Library content experts
 - c. Graduate Student research grants
6. Leverage technology.
 - a. Writing tools – dictation software, transcription apps, Scrivner
 - b. Reference Management Software – Mendeley, EndNote
 - c. Analysis Platforms – Dedoose
7. Be realistic and give yourself some credit.
 - a. What is realistic to achieve in a day, a week, a month?
 - b. Reward yourself.
8. Be open and honest with family and friends. They may not fully understand, and that is okay.
9. Pick one thing (outside of family) that makes you happy, and prioritize it.
10. You can't eat an elephant in one bite. Take it in pieces. Day by day.

Technology Resources

Reference Management Software

<https://www.mendeley.com/>

<https://endnote.com/>

Writing Software

Scrivner - <https://www.literatureandlatte.com/>

Qualitative and Mixed Methods Analysis

<https://www.dedoose.com/>

Recording and Transcription App

<https://www.temi.com/>