**Study Guide for the Comprehensive Exam in Multicultural Literature**

You will be tested on the knowledge gained from the following courses:

- EDCH 501 Advanced Children’s Literature,
- EDCH 505 Storytelling as a Cultural Craft,
- EDCH 515 Adolescent Literature,
- EDCH 520 Multicultural Literature for Children,

You will also be asked to relate the information you gleaned from your selected courses in Children’s Literature and the impact that literature has on the reading process. These areas of study are not the questions to be answered for the Comprehensive exam. Instead, they are topics that you should be familiar with as you approach this exam. All of the questions will ask you to think beyond the literal level of understanding and address practical application based on current research in Children’s Literature. Here are some topics to consider:

- The importance of children’s literature in the language arts curriculum
- Major illustrators who have made an impact on the field of children’s literature
- Discuss themes and topics developed in children’s literature. How appropriate are they for their readership?
- Important authors of the 21st century
- How censorship should or should not be imposed on the area of children’s literature/adolescent literature
- The dynamics of multicultural literature for children and developing a peaceful world with equity and social justice for all.
- The influence of traditional literature on the writings in children’s literature.
- Informational books as a focus in school curriculum
- The use of language in books written for children: how it affects their reading, writing, speaking, and listening in school and at home.
- The impact of storytelling as language development for children and adults.