

CRIEI 2026- Preconference Methodology Session #2

Title: Making Meaning and Maintaining Rigor with Mixed Methods Research in ECSE

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Abstract: Mixed methods research is increasingly common and is encouraged by several funding bodies. Come and learn about the basics of using mixed methods research designs to understand complex research questions in the field of early childhood special education.

This session provides an opportunity for researchers in EI/ECSE to: (a) Understand what MMR is and its purpose; (b) Understand and develop research questions that are suitable for MMR; (c) Learn how to incorporate theoretical frameworks into their MMR research; (d) Understand the core designs of mixed methods research; and (e) Discuss strategies for conducting a MMR study for dissertation and early career projects.

Primary Audience: This session is tailored to early career investigators, doctoral students, and postdoctoral fellows engaged or interested in applied EI/ECSE research, though other scholars can attend as well. Attendees should have some foundational knowledge in quantitative and qualitative approaches and be interested in exploring how to use mixed methods research to answer their research questions.

Recommendations for Participants to Engage Fully in the Session: Bring a project you are working on or just come and engage in learning and conversation. We will work in groups to share ideas and problem solve challenges.

Date/Time: 1 – 4PM, February 19, 2025

Location: Hyatt Regency Mission Bay

Spaces Available: 25

Registration Fees: \$75