

ESSA IV Research Base Expert-Guided Workbook



The Complete Guided Workbook for Building your Foundational Research Evidence

The ESSA IV Guided Workbook is a comprehensive, step-by-step resource that walks EdTech companies, research consultants, and district leaders through every component required to prepare a complete ESSA Level IV evidence packet. The workbook includes fill-in-the-blank templates, video walkthroughs from LXD Research experts, curated research resources, and real examples from successful submissions.

What's Included in the Workbook?

ESSA Level IV research can feel overwhelming—dense requirements, technical language, and the pressure to get it right the first time. We created this workbook to transform that complexity into clarity. It includes:

- **Logic Model Templates:** Mad-lib style guides help you document your program's inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes with fill-in-the-blank prompts for each required section.
- **Foundational Research Summary Templates:** Structured outlines guide you through documenting your product's research basis, learning sciences strategies, and connection to academic evidence.
- **Research Resources and Citation Guidance:** Curated databases, search strategies, and example citations help you find and document relevant research that strengthens your evidence base.
- **Video Walkthroughs:** Watch LXD Research team members explain each section with concrete examples and best practices from successful submissions.
- **Client Intake Forms and Timeline Planning Tools:** Organize your project from the start and keep stakeholders aligned throughout the certification process.

What are the benefits of using this Workbook?

The workbook transforms ESSA Level IV requirements from overwhelming to manageable. Key benefits include:

- ✓ **Clear, actionable structure:** No more guessing about what information belongs where or how to frame your responses. Each section includes targeted prompts that turn abstract requirements into concrete questions.
- ✓ **Time and cost savings:** The workbook condenses expert knowledge into accessible templates, allowing teams to complete their evidence packets more efficiently without starting from scratch.
- ✓ **Confidence in your submission:** Built-in best practices and examples from successful certifications help ensure your packet meets all requirements and presents your evidence effectively.
- ✓ **Internal alignment:** The workbook process requires teams to reflect on their product's design and research foundation, leading to stronger internal clarity about your program's intended impact.

Ongoing Reference

The workbook remains valuable as you develop new products or update features.

