

Work Summary

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Dates of work: May 16–18, 2026

Below is a summary of the work I completed on your dissertation, including the time spent each day and a breakdown of what the review involved. In total this was a thorough, line-by-line edit of the full 117-page manuscript, totaling roughly 3,850 individual edits, followed by a complete reformatting of the reference list to APA 7th edition standards.

A Note on the Time Estimate

When we started, I estimated this review would take in the range of 12 to 16 hours. In practice it came to about 20 hours, and I wanted to be upfront about that. The manuscript was longer and needed more extensive editing than I had anticipated when I gave that initial range. Every section required close, line-by-line attention for clarity and grammar, and the reference list needed a full APA 7th edition reformatting rather than light corrections. The time also reflects reading the entire document closely, since much of the work in a review like this is careful reading to catch issues, which takes time beyond the edits themselves. I am glad to talk through the hours and the work, and to find an approach that feels fair to you.

Summary of Hours

Date	Focus of work	Hours
Saturday, May 16	Line editing: introduction and background chapters	4.9
Sunday, May 17	Line editing: literature review and methods	6.75
Monday, May 18	Line editing: discussion and conclusion; full APA reference-list reformatting	8.7
Total		20.35

What the Review Involved

- A close, line-by-line read of all pages to identify issues in clarity, grammar, and flow.
- Sentence-level editing throughout, including tightening wordy passages, fixing subject and verb agreement, correcting verb tense, repairing punctuation, and smoothing transitions between paragraphs.
- Rewording and restructuring unclear or awkward sentences while preserving your meaning and argument.
- Standardizing terminology and capitalization so key terms are used consistently throughout the document.
- Checking in-text citations and clarifying attribution where it was ambiguous.
- A complete reformatting of the reference list to APA 7th edition, processed through RefWorks and then reviewed and corrected by hand entry by entry: author initials, ampersands, serial commas, italics, volume and issue numbers, DOIs, removal of publisher locations, and alphabetical ordering.

Detail by Day

Saturday, May 16: 4.9 hours

I began by reading through the opening of the dissertation and editing the introduction and background chapters line by line. The early part of the day was a series of focused passes correcting word forms, capitalization, and pluralization, including standardizing how disability and related terms were used so

they stayed consistent from the first chapter onward. From late morning into the afternoon I moved into a single continuous editing pass through the early chapters, which accounted for the largest block of the day. In that pass I tightened wordy phrasing, corrected subject and verb agreement, fixed verb tense, repaired punctuation, recast several unclear sentences in the introduction, and smoothed the transitions between paragraphs so the opening argument read more clearly. I also flagged and resolved small inconsistencies in how key concepts were introduced.

Sunday, May 17: 6.75 hours

This was a full day of line editing through the literature review and into the methods section, which is the densest and most citation-heavy part of the document. I worked sentence by sentence to correct verb tense and agreement, reword awkward constructions, and clarify how sources were introduced and attributed, including making it clearer in several places who was being credited with a particular finding or claim. I rewrote the purpose statement so the aim of the study came through clearly, restructured several sentences describing how participants and categories were defined, and condensed long, dense passages while keeping your meaning and every citation intact. Because the literature review carries so much of the argument, a large share of this day was spent reading closely and revising in place rather than making quick surface-level fixes. I also continued tightening terminology so it matched the usage established in the earlier chapters.

Monday, May 18: 8.7 hours

This was the longest day and covered two major pieces of work. In the morning I completed the line edit of the discussion and conclusion, recasting passive and awkward constructions into clearer active phrasing, resolving the last remaining clarity issues, and making sure the closing sections connected back to the research questions and to the rest of the document. In the afternoon I turned to the reference list and brought it fully in line with APA 7th edition. I first ran the references through RefWorks to apply consistent APA 7th edition formatting, then went through the entire list entry by entry to review and correct everything by hand, since RefWorks does not catch every issue. That hand check included converting author names to initials, fixing ampersands and serial commas, applying correct italics, reformatting volume and issue numbers and DOIs, removing outdated publisher locations, and confirming that every entry was in correct alphabetical order. The combination of a full clarity edit and a complete reference overhaul is what made this the most time-intensive day of the three.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on this. It was a substantial and detailed review, and I am glad to walk through any section of the edits or answer any questions you have.