

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Proposal Defense Evaluation Quality Indicators

Name of Student: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson: _____

I. Writing Mechanics and Style

Demonstrates through the preparation and articulation of the proposal the necessary ability to successfully undertake a demonstration of their mastery and interpretation of theory, research, and application in their field of study.

- APA format is correct
- Topic is clearly stated
- Relevant background literature is reviewed and analyzed
- Research questions are clearly stated
- Need/rationale for the study is evident
- Identifies basic assumptions
- Defines major terms

____ Minimal (1 point) ____ (2 points) ____ Acceptable (3 points) ____ (4 points) ____ Exemplary(5 points)

II. Literature/Significance of the Research

Demonstrates the ability to potentially contribute significantly to the states of knowledge and/or practice on the theory in the chosen field of study through the creation of a well-designed research proposal.

- Significance of the proposed research is clearly identified
- Identifies a gap or problem supported by the literature
- Addresses an identified problem
- Make a significant contribution to the understanding of the identified problem by providing a reliable and valid study of the problem

____ Minimal (1 point) ____ (2 points) ____ Acceptable (3 points) ____ (4 points) ____ Exemplary(5 points)

III. Methodology and Design

Demonstrates independent thinking and action in the selection of a research topic and in choosing the correct methodology to carry out the research on the topic

- Research design is appropriate and adequate to the research question(s)
- Methodology is described explicitly
- Appropriate design validity
- Appropriate data collection methods
- Appropriate sampling/participant selection
- Addresses internal and external validity
- Addresses critical concerns
- Ability to defend what was proposed or presented
- Appropriate data analysis

____ Minimal (1 point) ____ (2 points) ____ Acceptable (3 points) ____ (4 points) ____ Exemplary(5 points)

IV. Oral Defense

Able to articulate a research problem, discuss the pertinent literature, and justify the selected methodology.

- Oral presentation is articulate
- Committee questions are answered cogently, logically, and scholarly by incorporating the literature as appropriate

____ Minimal (1 point) ____ (2 points) ____ Acceptable (3 points) ____ (4 points) ____ Exemplary(5 points)