



Dissertation Proposal Form

Student name: _____

Proposal Date: _____

Dissertation Proposal Title: _____

Outcome of Proposal Defense:

- Passed no revisions needed
- Conditional pass revisions needed (complete Dissertation Proposal Revision Form)
- Fail

Is this the student's First or Second Proposal Defense? First Second

If the student failed, what is the plan for a second attempt? If this is the second attempt, contact the Graduate Director.

Committee Chair: _____

Print name

Signature

Department Member: _____

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Outside Member: _____

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PhD Dissertation Proposal Defense Rubric

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Dissertation Chair: _____

Each section should receive a score of 1, 2, 3, or 4 (to be completed with committee consensus)

4=exceeds meets expectations

3= meets expectations

2=partially meets expectations

1=does not meet expectations

Section	Score
Chooses a research question of scientific interest/importance	
Understands public health importance of chosen topic	
Demonstrates an understanding of relevant mechanistic pathways (i.e. physiological, genetic, behavioral, and social) to advance understanding of disease etiology (competency 3)	
Demonstrates in-depth expertise in subject area of dissertation (competency 1)	
Performs a synthesis of the literature that demonstrates a critical appraisal of epidemiology studies for internal and external validity (competency 4)	
Performs a synthesis of the literature that demonstrates mastery on synthesizing published epidemiologic evidence (competency 4)	
Specific Aims	
Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply sound methods and principles of sound epidemiologic and ethical practice in design and conduct (including those related to data collection, processing, management, documentation, and security) • Apply appropriate statistical methods to analyze data 	
Quality of writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal free of grammatical and spelling errors • Proposal written clearly and succinctly 	
Quality of oral presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides • Oral presentation 	

Comments:

Dissertation Chair: _____