**The University of Findlay**

**College of Education**

**Doctor of Education**

**Dissertation Proposal Defense Rubric**

**Candidate**: **Date**:

**Dissertation Title**:

| **Criteria** | **Pass** | **Pass with Modifications** | **Revise & Re-Defend** |
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| Chapter One: Introduction | Candidate thoroughly addressed all the following requirements: conveyed background of the problem within context of literature, moderately strong rationale and significance, clear and focused purpose statement, descriptive theoretical framework (if qualitative or mixed methods), clear explanation of research questions aligned to the purpose and theoretical framework, definition of terms grounded in literature, applicable discussion of subjectivity and researcher positionality (if qualitative or mixed methods). | Candidate addressed most of the following requirements: conveyed background of the problem within context of literature, moderately strong rationale and significance, clear and focused purpose statement, descriptive theoretical framework (if qualitative or mixed methods), clear explanation of research questions aligned to the purpose and theoretical framework, definition of terms grounded in literature, applicable discussion of subjectivity and researcher positionality (if qualitative or mixed methods). | Candidate addressed few or none of the following requirements: conveyed background of the problem within context of literature, moderately strong rationale and significance, clear and focused purpose statement, descriptive theoretical framework (if qualitative or mixed methods), clear explanation of research questions aligned to the purpose and theoretical framework, definition of terms grounded in literature, applicable discussion of subjectivity and researcher positionality (if qualitative or mixed methods). |
| Comments on Chapter One: |
| Chapter Two: Review of Literature | Candidate thoroughly addressed all the following requirements: comprehensive review of literature clearly aligned to the research questions, well-organized with nuanced critique regarding relatedness of the research and scholarship reviewed, included specific criteria for inclusion/exclusion of various theoretical perspectives/empirical studies, and clearly described research designs, methodologies, and findings. | Candidate addressed most of the following requirements: comprehensive review of literature clearly aligned to the research questions, well-organized with nuanced critique regarding relatedness of the research and scholarship reviewed, included specific criteria for inclusion/exclusion of various theoretical perspectives/empirical studies, and clearly described research designs, methodologies, and findings. | Candidate addressed few or none of the following requirements: comprehensive review of literature clearly aligned to the research questions, well-organized with nuanced critique regarding relatedness of the research and scholarship reviewed, included specific criteria for inclusion/exclusion of various theoretical perspectives/empirical studies, and clearly described research designs, methodologies, and findings. |
| Comments on Chapter Two: |
| Chapter Three: Methods | Candidate thoroughly addressed all the following requirements: appropriate justification of research design, clear description of participants and sampling technique, explanation of ethical considerations, justification of instrument and data sources based on purpose, research questions, and theoretical framework, description of data collection procedures, and description of analysis with assumptions and trustworthiness (if applicable). | Candidate addressed most of the following requirements: appropriate justification of research design, clear description of participants and sampling technique, explanation of ethical considerations, justification of instrument and data sources based on purpose, research questions, and theoretical framework, description of data collection procedures, and description of analysis with assumptions and trustworthiness (if applicable). | Candidate addressed few or none of the following requirements: appropriate justification of research design, clear description of participants and sampling technique, explanation of ethical considerations, justification of instrument and data sources based on purpose, research questions, and theoretical framework, description of data collection procedures, and description of analysis with assumptions and trustworthiness (if applicable). |
| Comments on Chapter Three: |
| Writing Quality | Written with great clarity and precision; each sentence was understandable; word choice, grammar, punctuation, and spelling were excellent; narrative was logical and coherent; correct use of APA Style Manual 7th Edition (2020). | Written with clarity; each sentence was understandable; word choice, grammar, punctuation, and spelling were sufficient; narrative was logical; correct use of APA Style Manual 7th Edition (2020). | Written with lack of clarity; each sentence was not understandable; word choice, grammar, punctuation, and spelling were not sufficient; narrative was not logical; and/or incorrect use of APA Style Manual 7th Edition (2020). |
| Comments on Writing Quality: |

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| **Decision of the Committee:** **Pass Pass with Modifications Revise & Re-Defend** |
| **Required Modifications: Modifications Due Date:** |
| Dissertation Chair:  | Signature:  |
| Dissertation Committee Member:  | Signature:  |
| Dissertation Committee Member:  | Signature:  |
| Dissertation Committee Member:  | Signature:  |
| Doctoral Candidate:  | Signature:  |

If modifications are required, dissertation Chair and committee members need to sign next page indicating that required modifications have been successfully met.

***We, the dissertation committee, verify that all required modifications to the dissertation proposal have been completed to our satisfaction.***

Date Modifications Completed:

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