

MUST PROGRAM EXIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Thesis Proposal and Defense Process

I. THESIS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- A. Candidate provides thesis proposal to committee two weeks before proposal meeting date
- B. An acceptable proposal must demonstrate
 - A clear presentation of relevant literature
 - The literature review leads to purpose and questions
 - The methodology is logical and sound
 - References demonstrate a relationship to relevant research
 - CITI Training Certificate
 - HSRB Clearance
- C. Upon the proposal meeting, the thesis committee will decide on the next course of action for the candidate: (a) proceed with research study; (b) proceed with minor revisions of the proposal and subsequent approval of committee; or (c) revise proposal for resubmission
 - Committee signs form indicating level of approval

II. THESIS DEFENSE AND SUBMISSION

- A. Three weeks prior to Graduate School thesis submission deadline
 - Candidate submits complete thesis to committee
- B. Two weeks prior to Graduate School thesis submission deadline
 - Candidate schedules and holds a public thesis defense which entails
 - 30 minute presentation for the committee and audience
 - questions asked from the thesis committee and audience
- C. At the conclusion of the defense, the thesis committee will vote to (a) pass the thesis as is; (b) pass the thesis with revisions/alterations; or (c) not pass
 - Committee signs thesis cover sheet when confident that candidate passes.

2. Professional Development Project: Proposal and Oral Exam

I. PROJECT PROPOSAL

- A. Proposal outlines the scope and sequence of the project
 - The need for the project is substantiated
 - Related research is used as a source from which to create the project
 - The method of the project is presented clearly
 - The means for the evaluation of the project is clearly presented in the form of a rubric/assessment measure
- B. Professional Development Project is evaluated by the project advisor
 - Project evaluation criteria from 2.I.A is used for evaluation

II. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. Candidates electing to complete the PDP must take and pass an oral exam.
- B. For more information see **Exit Procedures: Oral Examination**