

Dissertation Proposal Checklist

Scientific Knowledge and Methods (Foundational Competency), Research/Evaluation (Functional Competency),
Professionalism (Foundational Competency), and Ethical Legal Standards and Policy (Foundational Competency)

Clinical Psychology Program Texas Tech University

Student's Name _____ Year in Program _____ Semester/Year _____

Project Title: _____

*A NO on any of these items will result in not meeting expected level of competency for the Dissertation Proposal

	Yes	No
Project Scope		
Student has identified an area of study that has relevance to clinical psychology and in which an original contribution can be made*	_____	_____
Scope of student's research study is appropriate for a Psy 8000-level project*	_____	_____
Student's level of independence in developing dissertation research project is appropriate*	_____	_____
Literature Review		
Student provides a concise, well organized, and integrated review of relevant literature in the Introduction section*	_____	_____
Student provides a more extensive review of research related to the project or some relevant part of the project in an Extended Literature Review*	_____	_____
Extended literature review is integrative, thorough, and well organized	_____	_____
Student adequately evaluates existing literature	_____	_____
Student addresses strengths and limitations of existing literature	_____	_____
Student makes a clear argument for need to conduct research on proposed topic*	_____	_____
Purpose of Study		
The purpose of the study is clearly stated*	_____	_____
Research questions are appropriate and clearly articulated*	_____	_____
Hypotheses are appropriate and clearly articulated*	_____	_____
Supporting literature is provided for hypotheses	_____	_____
Student is able to clearly identify different types of variables* (independent, dependent, mediators, moderators)	_____	_____
Research Design/Methods		
Research design is appropriate to address hypotheses*	_____	_____
Student demonstrates evidence that, when possible or relevant, s/he conducted a power analysis to estimate sample size	_____	_____
Number of participants is appropriate for study	_____	_____
Measures included in study are appropriate for study (i.e., valid measures of target constructs)	_____	_____

	Yes	No
Description of measures used in study is provided (e.g., dimensional/factorial structure; relevant forms of reliability, validity studies)	_____	_____
Student recognizes limitations of proposed dissertation research project	_____	_____
Data Collection		
Data collection procedures are in accordance with TTU's IRB guidelines*	_____	_____
Data collection procedures are in accordance with APA's <i>Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct</i> *	_____	_____
Data Analysis		
Student identifies, provides rationale, and adequately describes statistical procedures chosen to analyze data*	_____	_____
Proposal Document		
Student adheres to guidelines set forth by the <i>APA Publication Manual</i> (6 th edition)	_____	_____
Document is well organized, written in a clear, concise, and grammatically correct manner*	_____	_____
Professionalism		
Student demonstrates mastery of relevant literature, research study, and is able to adequately answer questions in a thoughtful and scholarly manner	_____	_____
Student conducted him/herself in a professional manner	_____	_____

A minimum of 24 out of 27 (89%) categories need to be marked 'Yes' to have Psy 8000 proposal approved. Items designated with a * must be marked YES in order to meet expected level of competency.

_____ Yes, student meets or exceeds expected level of competency for Psy 8000 (Dissertation) proposal.

_____ No, student does not meet expected level of competency for Psy 8000 (Dissertation) proposal.

Comments:

Student

Date

Research Advisor

Date

Committee Member

Date

Committee Member

Date

Committee Member

Date

Director of Clinical Training

Date