



**COLLEGE OF NURING
PhD Oral Proposal Defense Rubric***

Criteria	Satisfactory: Pass	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory: Fail
Introduction: Clearly describes the proposed research & key questions/ hypotheses			
Conceptual framework: sufficient empirical and theoretical research is cited to ground the study and a strong conceptual framework is articulated. Aligns/integrates framework with research questions.			
Literature review: demonstrates sound knowledge of the literature of the research area and the field			
Project approach: applies appropriate design and methods; understands the basis & interpretation thereof			
Significance: communicates the broader implications of the research			
KT/policy: addresses proposed strategies/ implications			
Defense comportment: addresses questions and concerns with knowledge and professionalism			

**Note: The committee may approve the proposal as presented, or request a subsequent meeting if major revisions or additional work is required – any issues must be resolved within 6 months. (Pass as presented, continue on; Pass, revise and note revisions for dissertation, continue on; Pass, revise & circulate revisions back to Advisory Committee, continue on; Fail, revise & circulate revisions back to Advisory Committee, wait for feedback; Fail, redo). The student is only allowed one failure/redo; a second failure would require that the student withdraw from the Program (from supplemental regs).*