



Thesis Proposal Form

Student name: _____

Proposal Date: _____

Thesis Proposal Title: _____

Outcome of Proposal Defense:

- Passed no revisions needed
- Conditional pass revisions needed (complete Thesis 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.

Major Professor: _____

Print name

Signature

Department Member: _____

Print name

Signature

Print name

Signature

Thesis Proposal Defense Rubric
MSPH Comprehensive Assessment

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Thesis Committee Chair: _____

Instructions. Each section should receive a score of 1, 2, 3, or 4 (separately by each committee member then consolidate into one document for final decision).

- 4=exceeds expectations 3=meets expectations
 2=partially meets expectations 1=does not meet expectations

Section	Score
Chooses a research question of scientific interest/importance (competency 1)	
Understands public health importance of chosen topic	
Performs a synthesis of the literature	
Demonstrates an understanding of mechanisms underlying study aims	
Demonstrates in-depth expertise in at least one subject area	
Specific Aims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulates hypotheses relative to study design (competency 1) 	
Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses appropriate statistical methods to evaluate study aims • Demonstrates clear understanding of strengths and limitations of epidemiologic methods 	
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 	
Response to questions following presentation	
Application of sound data management and ethical principles (where applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRB application • Other practices to protect human subjects • Data security practices • Data management practices • Documentation practices 	
Overall Assessment	

Comments:

Thesis Chair: _____

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Print Name

Signature