

CHECKLIST FOR FINAL DEFENSE OF DISSERTATION

GSE DISSERTATION STANDARDS

1. Is the topic stated clearly and relevant background literature reviewed and evaluated?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Comments: _____

2. Are research question(s) stated clearly?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Comments: _____

3. Is the contribution and importance of the research question(s) with respect to relevant literature, theory, policy, and/or practice articulated in a convincing manner?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Comments: _____

4. Are the research plan and methods appropriate and adequate to study the research question(s), and are they described explicitly?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Comments: _____

5. Was the research plan implemented effectively?

Yes: ____ No: ____

Comments: _____

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6. Did the research produce trustworthy evidence that bears on the research question(s)?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Comments: _____

7. Do the conclusions follow convincingly from the evidence and its interpretation?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Comments: _____

8. Is the dissertation manuscript coherent, well structured, clearly written and in accordance with a standard style manual?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Comments: _____

9. With appropriate revisions, was a dissertation produced that is of sufficient quality to be publishable in an academic or practice-oriented journal that is peer reviewed?

Yes: _____ No: _____

Comments: _____

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