

**CHECKLIST FOR DISSERTATION PROPOSAL ORAL HEARING**

**GSE DISSERTATION STANDARDS**

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

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Are research question(s) stated clearly?

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

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

Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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