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Prospectus Summary

(Submit this to the Chair at least 5 business days in advance of needing the Chair’s signature on the prospectus announcement form.)

A. Statement of the Problem:

1. State the purpose of this study (Why does it need to be done or what contribution will it make?):

2. Briefly describe the theory, model, or observation upon which the study’s scientific or application question is based:

3. Research hypothesis or question to be investigated:

B. Literature: Cite up to three but no less than one research paper that is foundational to your study:

C. Methodology:

1. Specify and briefly describe the independent variable(s) in your study, if appropriate:

2. Specify and briefly describe the dependent variable(s) in your study:
3. Specify your research design with a brief statement of your reason for selecting it:

4. Participants:
   a. Demographic characteristics: (e.g., age, gender, ethnicity, disability, etc):
   b. Sample size
   c. Participant selection procedures:

5. Setting for the study and rationale for the selection:

6. Implementation procedures:
   a. Investigator/participant interaction (if any):
   b. Personnel training (if any assistants are employed):
   c. Intervention monitoring (if any assistants are employed):
   d. Other considerations of note:
7. Data collection system (e.g., observational) or instrumentation (e.g., test), including reliability and validity of measurement system or instrument(s).

8. Briefly describe your approach to data analysis, e.g., graphic, criterion related, or statistical analysis:

This is an accurate summary of the prospectus to be presented to the dissertation committee. Student will let Chair know of any major changes that occurred as a result of the prospectus committee meeting.

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