

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
Community Care and Counseling

DOCTORATE OF EDUCATION

Dissertation Defense Rubric and Decision Form

Chair: After the committee's decision on the dissertation defense, complete the form, submitting it to edcodissertations@liberty.edu

Date	October 4, 2021
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Title	A QUANTITATIVE STUDY OF A CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS'S STRUGGLES WITH POOR MARITAL SATISFACTION: MEDIATED BY LONELINESS AND DEPRESSION
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Role	Name
Candidate	Thomas Litzinger
Chair	Richard Stratton
Committee Member (Reader)	Krista Kirk

Committee Decision

- Approved with minor or no further revisions
 Provisionally approved with major revisions
 Not approved with recommendations to revise or rewrite

Explain decision (as applicable):

List revisions needed:

N/A

Candidate grade to be assigned for EDCO 990 (please check one):

 X Pass Fail

(Please continue to the rubrics on the following three pages.)

Presentation at Dissertation Defense Rubric (Highlight the appropriate score for each category based on the candidate's presentation during the final defense)

	Advanced (3 pts)	Proficient (2 pts)	Developing (1 pt)
Literature Review	The presentation includes a complete representation of related research along with a complete written literature review to support and justify the research.	The presentation includes a complete representation of related research along with a complete written literature review to support and justify the research.	The presented literature review may be unclear or non-existent, and the written literature review does not fully justify the research.
Theoretical Framework	The presentation and the written literature review include a complete theoretical framework to fully support the research question(s).	The presentation and the written literature review include a theoretical framework to support the research question(s).	There is a brief or nonexistent mention of the theoretical framework during the presentation and/or the literature review.
Methodology	The presentation and methodology chapter is written in correct format and includes clear, understandable and justified questions, objectives and/hypotheses.	The presentation and methodology chapter includes use of proper format, and appropriate questions, objectives and/or hypotheses.	The presentation and methodology chapter does not include proper formatting and/or does not include clear question, objectives, or hypotheses.
Data Collection	The candidate thoroughly and clearly articulates the design and related data collection procedures.	The candidate clearly describes the design or the data collection procedures.	The candidate mentions design and data collection procedures, but does neither clearly.

Data Analysis	The candidate clearly analyzes, evaluates, synthesizes, and interprets the research through presentation of data and findings.	The candidate analyzes, evaluates and interprets the research through presentation of data and findings.	The candidate does not clearly present findings and data analysis.
Communication: Presentation	The candidate is poised during the presentation.	The candidate demonstrates poised	The candidate lacks poise, and does not

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	and clearly and fluently demonstrates effective communication in writing, while speaking, and while listening to others.	and effective communication in writing, and while speaking during the presentation.	present information clearly and effectively.

Written Dissertation Manuscript Rubric (Highlight the appropriate score for each category based on the quality of the final dissertation manuscript)

	Advanced (3 pts)	Proficient (2 pts)	Developing (1 pt)
Introduction	Candidate clearly articulates the nature of a research topic, including the relevant literature, the gap in research to be filled, the purpose, and the research design.	Candidate articulates the nature of a research topic, including the relevant literature, the purpose, and the research design.	Candidate is unable to articulate the nature of a research topic in an understandable fashion.

Review of Literature	The candidate includes a complete representation of related research along with a complete written literature review to support and justify the research.	The candidate includes a representation of related research along with a written literature review to justify the research.	The literature review may be unclear or nonexistent, and the written literature review does not fully justify the research.
Methods/ Approach	The methodology chapter is written in correct format and includes clear, understandable and justified questions, objectives and/hypotheses.	The methodology chapter includes use of proper format, and appropriate questions, objectives and/or hypotheses.	The methodology chapter does not include proper formatting and/or does not include clear question, objectives, or hypotheses.

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	Advanced (3 pts)	Proficient (2 pts)	Developing (1 pt)
Results/ Outcomes	The candidate clearly analyzes, evaluates, synthesizes, and interprets the research through presentation of data and findings.	The candidate analyzes, evaluates, and interprets the research through presentation of data and findings.	The candidate does not clearly present findings and data analysis.
Discussion and Summary	The candidate demonstrates complete ability to conduct and interpret a study that contributes to the literature.	The candidate demonstrates ability to conduct and interpret a study that may contribute to the literature.	The candidate fails to demonstrate the ability to conduct and interpret a study. and discuss the results.

Writing Quality	<p>The candidate utilizes skills in writing and other forms of communication that are consistent with professional expectations at the doctoral level, including proper use of formatting.</p>	<p>The candidate utilizes skills in writing and other forms of communication that are appropriate, including proper use of formatting.</p>	<p>The candidate does not demonstrate skills in writing and use of proper formatting for completion of a dissertation.</p>
Professional Publication	<p>The candidate submits clear documentation (including a draft of an article) of plans and procedures for publication of the dissertation findings in a professional journal.</p>	<p>The candidate submits documentation and tentative plans for publication of the dissertation findings in a professional journal.</p>	<p>The candidate is unable to articulate plans for publication in a professional journal.</p>

Disposition Rubric					
In your work with the doctoral candidate, has he or she displayed the following dispositions?	Strongly Agree (4 pts)	Agree (3 pts)	Neither Agree or Disagree (2 pts)	Disagree (1 pt)	Strongly Disagree (0 pt)
Integrity / Christian Ethic	X				
Social Responsibility	X				
Commitment / Work Ethic	X				
Reflection		X			
Integrity	X				

Professionalism	X				
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