Research Competence II Evaluation Rating Scale (RACER-II)

This form must be completed by the student’s faculty adviser and by the two other faculty members on the committee.

In order to pass the defense, students must: Demonstrate excellent grasp of the theories that are relevant to the chosen area of research; Articulate how study fits within a research program and serves to benefit the field; Consider multicultural and diversity issues and appropriately integrate them into evaluation of current literature and generation of research questions; Choose an optimal study design to answer research questions, while appropriately acknowledge resource constraints and timing issues; Demonstrate competence in human subjects research and all relevant related issues; Incorporate issues related to multiculturalism and diversity into research design and/or results (e.g. inclusion of diverse participants, consideration of demographic moderators); Demonstrate skills necessary to conduct research and assist with data collection; Select appropriate analyses and executed analyses independently (with consultation if analyses are especially complex); Incorporate feedback from proposal meeting and earlier drafts; Prepare document that is of adequate quality to submit to a peer-reviewed journal; Prepare paper is integrated by theme and idea; not simply abstract stacking; Present results and conclusions clearly; Develop and present a talk that would be appropriate for a national conference; Engage in a scholarly discussion of field and how current work fits into the field; Respond knowledgably to questions posed; and Acknowledge/articulate strengths and weaknesses of the work.

If a score of “Fail” is earned on any domain, the document is failed and must be revised. The defense meeting must be held again.

Even if the defense is passed and the document scored as a “Pass,” revisions may be required.

Minor revisions must be read and approved by the committee chair, major revisions must be read and approved by the whole committee.

The defense meeting can only be held twice.
1. Date:

2. Reader Name:

3. Are you the Committee Chair?
   ____ Yes
   ____ No

4. Student Name:

5. Overall Score
   ____ Fail
   ____ Pass

6. Required Revisions (Describe Below)
   ____ Minor
   ____ Major

Please describe: