**Dissertation Committee Defense Worksheet**

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Instructions: This tool is to be used by dissertation committee members/chair to review the student thesis. Please assess each section as (1) Not acceptable, (2) Marginal, (3) Good, and (4) Outstanding or not applicable (NA). Refer to attached dissertation rubric descriptors to define each criterion.

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| **Dissertation Sections** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **NA** |
| **Abstract** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Introduction** (problem statement, purpose, significance, research question(s)/objectives) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Literature Review** (compares/contrasts research outcomes in organized manner, info is current and relevant to the problem and obtained from peer reviewed journals) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Theory** (appropriate, logically interpreted, well understood and described, aligns with question, strengths/limitations noted) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Methodology** (design addresses research question, summarizes data collection/analysis procedures) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Findings** (patterns, relationships, themes are supported by data; research question addressed; logically presented) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Discussion/Conclusions**(identifies nursing/policy/research implications; summarizes research findings succinctly) |  |  |  |  |  |

Is the dissertation ready to move to oral defense: Yes No

Questions to be asked during defense:

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