



Faculty of Medicine

FACULTY COMMITTEE APPROVAL FORM
For Community Health & Humanities and Clinical Epidemiology Programs

Name of candidate: _____

Degree for which candidate intends to work _____

Will candidate work *full-time* or *part-time*? _____

Name of supervisor and/or co-supervisor _____

Other members of supervisory committee _____

Title of Research Project _____

Courses to be taken by candidate:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Please indicate that the following items have been addressed:

Yes No

- Financial support will be available to the student
- Adequate space, equipment, facilities and time are available for work
- Research abstract is attached
- Discussion held with the Associate Dean of CHH

Does the proposed research topic involve any of the following?

Yes No

- Animal investigation
- Use of radioactive material/x-ray equipment
- Human research ethics
- Recombinant DNA
- Microbiological or viral research

We, the members of the supervisory committee and Associate Dean of Community Health & Humanities have discussed the research project and coursework proposed above and recommend the above action, and the program coordinator has been made aware.

Supervisor Signature: _____

Co-Supervisor Signature (if applicable): _____

Committee Member Signature: _____

Committee Member Signature: _____

Program Coordinator Initial: _____

Associate Dean of CHH Signature: _____

GUIDELINES FOR THESIS ABSTRACT

A Ph.D. dissertation abstract that is presented with the initial report of the supervisory committee should contain a statement of the subject matter and the present state of knowledge. The objective or hypothesis should be a succinct statement of the intent of the study followed by a description of how or where the student is examining and researching new concepts. In essence, the abstract demonstrates that the student can expand or develop an original line of thought for the subsequent detailed examination.

The M.Sc. abstract should be expressed in the same framework but with less demand for the degree of originality and independent thought from the student.

HEALTH RESEARCH ETHICS

A thesis proposal for a project involving human investigation must have the prior approval of the Health Research Ethics Authority before the investigation is started. Although the topic may be known at registration, the student has time within the program to complete the literature review, discuss the research design, and solicit cooperation of the agencies involved, before submitting the proposal to the Health Research Ethics Authority.

Applications to the Health Research Ethics Authority will require written confirmation from the supervisor of the graduate student that preliminary contact has been made with any person or institution whose cooperation will be essential for the satisfactory pursuit of the study; this would include physicians and surgeons whose patients will be involved in the study, as well as any others in the community whom it would be appropriate to approach.