The purpose of the candidacy/dissertation proposal exam is to ensure that the PhD student has expert competency in the field chosen for specialization and has chosen a dissertation topic that is suitable for the PhD degree. The student should display knowledge equivalent to roughly the content of two advanced courses in their field and describe their planned dissertation work.

**PhD Candidacy Exam/Dissertation Proposal Record**

Name of PhD Student: ____________________________

Faculty Advisor: ____________________________

Concentration: ____________________________

Date of Candidacy Exam: ________________

Subjects covered: ____________________________

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Proposed Topic(s) for Dissertation:

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Conclusion of the Committee: [ ] Pass or [ ] Fail

**Pass:** The Committee agrees that the proposed dissertation research is suitable and feasible, and the candidate has comprehensive knowledge to carry out such research.

Exam Committee Members (printed names and signatures):

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