BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR COMPLETING DNP FORM I

NOTE: Much of the text below is adapted from UCI's *Graduate Policies & Procedures Handbook* https://grad.uci.edu/forms/academics/Graduate-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf

ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY

Procedure for Validating and Recording Results

Upon completion of the DNP Scholarly Project Proposal, the results should be submitted to the Graduate Division on the Advancement to Candidacy DNP Degree Form I (i.e., page 1 of this form packet). The DNP Form I must be signed by all team members at the time the candidacy examination is concluded, and submitted. The student must then submit the DNP Form I to the Graduate Division. The date the student submits the signed and validated DNP Form I will be the official date of advancement. The candidate and graduate program will be notified of formal advancement.

DNP Scholarly Project Team

The DNP Team will consist of a minimum of two members; unanimous approval of the DNP Scholarly Project Proposal from the DNP Team will be required for the student to proceed toward degree completion. The Chair of the DNP Team must be a UCI School of Nursing doctorally prepared faculty member. The second member of the DNP Team may hold an academic appointment from any accredited university, or may be a practice/content expert from academia or the community. In some instances, additional experts/mentors/partners/facilitators can be formal or informal collaborators and may provide intermittent or limited support throughout the project stages as needed. The DNP Program Director approves nomination and modifications of the DNP Team.

DNP Scholarly Project and Proposal (Replaces Qualifying Examinations –written and/or oral)

Successful progression through each of the DNP Scholarly Project courses will be framed by three on-site intensive courses: 1) DNP Prologue, 2) DNP Intersession, and 3) DNP Epilogue. Each course builds upon the previous course, and successful completion is required prior to moving forward through the series. Evidence of student performance and eligibility will be determined by evaluation of the student's project presentations, log of practicum experiences, site visits to evaluate performance, written evaluation from both faculty and the practicum site mentor, and ongoing communication between the student, practicum site mentor and program faculty.

Lapse of Candidacy

Candidacy for the DNP will lapse automatically if the student loses graduate standing by academic disqualification or failure to comply with the University policy on continuous registration. A readmitted student who was a candidate for the DNP must again advance to candidacy and thereafter enroll as a candidate for at least one academic quarter before the DNP will be conferred.