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**Preview of Special Project Prospectus**

**Students must complete a Special Project Prospectus by the end of PCH 593 Special Project I in order to receive a satisfactory grade and move on to PCH 594 Special Project II. To complete the Prospectus, students will need to:**

1. Secure a *project agreement and designated preceptor* with the host agency. Submit the required forms to your special project advisor;
2. Conduct an *exhaustive literature review* to demonstrate comprehension of the *context* for your project;
3. Determine the *theoretical framework* most appropriate to your project;
4. Develop a *suitable plan for data collection* (e.g., focus group, interview, survey, etc.);
5. Identify the *type of data* you will need to conduct your project, and describe how you will *ensure access* to it and collect it;
6. If applicable, *identify or create the instrument* you will use to *collect data* (e.g., survey, focus group, case study, etc.);
7. Obtain approval from the IRB for your data collection, if required;
8. Specify your *plan for data analysis*, including, if necessary, the analytical and statistical procedures you will use;
9. Describe the *knowledge and skills* you possess that will enable you to complete your special project successfully;
10. Submit your proposal to the department. Departmental approval is required before implementing your special project.

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**Preview of Thesis Prospectus**

**Students must complete a Thesis by the end of PCH 590 Thesis Seminar I in order to receive a satisfactory grade and move on to PCH 591 Thesis Seminar II.**

**To complete the Prospectus, students will need to:**

1. Conduct an *exhaustive literature review* to demonstrate comprehension of the *context* for your research;
2. Determine the *theoretical framework* most appropriate to your study;
3. Articulate your *research question(s) or hypothesis(es)* and develop a *suitable research design* (e.g., experimental, survey, etc.);
4. Identify the *type of data* you will need to conduct your study and describe how you will *ensure access* to it and collect it;
5. If applicable, *identify or create the instrument* you will use to *collect data* (e.g., survey, focus group, case study, etc.);
6. Specify your *plan for data analysis*, including, if necessary, the analytical/statistical procedures you will use;
7. Obtain IRB approval for your data collection, if required;
8. Describe the *knowledge and skills* you possess that will enable you to complete your thesis successfully;
9. Submit your proposal to the department and the graduate school. Departmental and graduate school approval is required before implementing your thesis.