

**Occupational Therapy Department  
East Carolina University**

**Human Protection and the Thesis Defense**

As the student prepares the thesis proposal to be defended to his/her committee, the appropriate UMCIRB form (or others) should be developed. Thesis students will need to submit the approved forms to the ECU University and Medical Center Institutional Review Board (UMCIRB) and to other appropriate boards that attend to the protection of research subjects impacted by the proposed thesis project. These forms may be submitted immediately after the defense of the proposal or up to ten days prior to the established defense date, as long as the thesis committee chair and the committee members are in agreement with the submission of the forms. The forms require the appropriate signatures from the thesis director as well as the chair of the Occupational Therapy Department.

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