DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCEMENT TO CANDIDACY FOR A DOCTORAL DEGREE

Student Name: _____ D # _____

Mailing Address: _____

Degree Program and Concentration (if applicable): _____

University Email: _____ Expected Degree Conferral Date: _____

Program Revisions: ☐

Pre-Candidacy Requirement(s):
Comprehensive/Qualifier Exam ☐ Proposal Defense ☐ Literature Review ☐ Other ☐

Comprehensive Exam/Qualifier Exam Results			
Subject Area	**Oral**	**Written**	**Date Completed**
Proposal Defense			
Literature Review			
Other			

Applicant Signature **Date**

We certify by our signatures below that the applicant is in good standing, has met all pre-candidacy requirements including removal of incomplete grades, passage of qualifier examination/requirements as noted above and that the dissertation topic has been approved by the Committee. Additionally, we certify that this research has adhered to all University regulations and policies. **Any revisions of the initial plan of study should be noted on the Plan of Study form and submitted with this document.** *Prescribed time limit is seven years for receipt of a doctoral degree.

Committee Chair (Print) **(Signature)** **Date**

Department Chairperson or Designee (Print) **(Signature)** **Date**

Academic Dean or Designee (Print) **(Signature)** **Date**

Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Research or Designee **Date**

Dissertation Plan: Attach a 5 to 10 page planning document containing the following information:
a. Background and Significance of the Project
b. Hypothesis or Problem Statement
c. Specific aims or a summary of theories proposed for this study
d. A detailed description of research methodology or approach
e. Provide a copy of your survey instrument (if applicable) and data collection plan **
f. A time line for completion
g. References

**IRB Approval should be acquired prior to submission of this application. If your research plan requires IRB Approval, then provide a copy of the approval page with this document.