**Determination of Research: Screening Checklist**

(To be completed by student research supervisor)

**MSN Capstone Projects**

To be considered research, a project requires two characteristics:

* Systematic Investigation

**AND**

* Designed to contribute to generalizable knowledge

1. ***Systematic investigation***

May also be characteristic of non-research projects

1. ***Designed to Contribute to Generalizable Knowledge***

Part of the activity includes the primary goal of contributing to generalizable knowledge, which would go beyond benefitting the people (patients, staff, administration) within the local setting.

For each Capstone Project, complete the following checklist.

If there are checks in **BOTH** areas (Systematic Investigation AND Generalizable Knowledge) the project must be further reviewed by the SON-RRC for determination of needed IRB review.

If a check in only one area, the activity in not research and will not need IRB review (OHRP, 2004).

**Student Name:**

**Capstone Title:**

**Systematic Investigation:**

* The method of investigation is largely fixed in advance: with a fixed goal, specified method of data collection, planned analyses, and articulated time period
* Decisions are determined by concerns about interpretability of data collected for the study (e.g., postponing feedback to participants to avoid biasing their responses)

**Generalizable Knowledge** (provide explanation only if checked)

* One primary goal of the proposed investigation is to learn something that will benefit people beyond the local setting.

Explain:

* The proposed investigation seeks to test new treatments, interventions, or practices (.i.e., not been previously validated).

Explain:

* Conclusions will be used beyond the local setting to influence other's interpretations of the validity or applicability of a theory (could be program or practice-based theory)

Explain:

* There are comparison groups not receiving the treatment who assume burdens for the purpose of the study (e.g., completing a questionnaire)

Explain:

**Refer to SON-RRC**

Yes No

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