

University of Kentucky
Rehabilitation Sciences Doctoral Program
RHB 788 – Independent Study in Rehabilitation Sciences

Contract for Independent Study

APPROVAL FORM

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Semester: _____

of Credit Hours: _____

Project Title: _____

Description of RHB 788

Independent Study in Rehabilitation Science is a variable credit course (1-3 credits) designed to meet special learning needs through individualized study that is not offered through any other course work. Graduate students interested in participating in these types of learning activities must work with the faculty to complete the necessary forms and learning activities. The responsibilities listed below are intended to guide the process of developing an independent study.

Course Prerequisite: Admission to the Rehabilitation Sciences Ph.D. Program or by consent of the instructor.

Students will be mentored by the research apprenticeship supervisor and are required to update the primary faculty advisor (if different) at least twice per apprenticeship.

Overall Course Objective

Student will gain experience in the specific objectives outlined below. Include project description, student learning objectives, and evidence of accomplishments (e.g. outcomes or products).

Specific Measurable Objectives include:

For each objective, describe in detail how the student will meet the objectives including: specific tasks to be achieved with time lines, and method of evaluation.

Signatures:

Student: _____ Date

Primary Advisor (Chair/co-chair): _____ Date

Independent Study Supervisor: _____ Date

Director of Graduate Studies: _____ Date

After approval, copies of the APPROVAL FORM and PROPOSAL are to be distributed to:

1. Student
2. Student's File – kept with the DGS
3. Faculty Supervisor
4. Faculty Advisor

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(Credit Hours 1-3)

Student Responsibilities:

1. Student discusses interest in RHB 788 with Primary Faculty Advisor.
2. Student and Faculty Advisor identify a direction for the Independent Study including identification of a mentor for the Study.
3. Student creates objectives/tasks/method of evaluation (above) with the supervisor for the Independent Study. The Rehabilitation Science Director of Graduate Study (DGS) and the student's Primary Faculty Advisor must also approve.
4. Student registers for RHB 788 – Independent Study following approval. Note: for each credit hour registered, the student is expected to spend approximately 30 hours on the apprenticeship activities.
5. Contract must be approved before the start of the semester in which the Independent Study will be completed. **Regardless of registered credit hours, all Independent Study activities must be completed before the end of the grading period.**
6. Student submits APPROVAL FORM and PROPOSAL to the Director of Graduate Studies and the student's Faculty Advisor.
7. At the end of the semester, the student is responsible for providing the DGS with the graded Independent Study Contract. The contract needs to be signed by the independent study supervisor; grades and the graded contract need to be submitted to the DGS by e-mail.

Primary Advisor Responsibilities:

8. Advisor discusses appropriateness of course in relationship to student's personal goals and program of study.
9. Advisor gives the student the appropriate forms and discusses procedures.
10. Advisor approves PROPOSAL.

Apprenticeship Supervisor Responsibilities:

11. Faculty Supervisor works with student to finalize the APPROVAL FORM and PROPOSAL, including grading system, and credit hours awarded.
12. Faculty Supervisor directs the student's learning experiences and grades the student's performance. Grading will be performed with a letter grade.

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End of Semester Assessment

Evaluation of Performance:

Please evaluate the student's performance of meeting the course objectives specified in the contract:

	Excellent	Acceptable	Problematic		
	5	4	3	2	1
Objective					

Comments from Mentor (Attach a separate sheet if needed)

Signature Independent Study Mentor: _____

Final Grade: _____

Submitted to DGS office Date: _____