

Comprehensive Examinations

The School Psychology comprehensive examinations are typically conducted on the last Thursday and Friday in May. They are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the ATT Lab (Davis Computer Lab).

The guidelines for the comprehensive examination are presented for your information.

A. Competency areas to be evaluated are as follows:

Thursday

1. Socialization and Student Diversity
2. Learning and Consultation
3. Data Based Decision-Making and Accountability

Friday

4. Professional School Psychology/Legal and Ethical Issues
5. Research and Program Evaluation
6. Counseling

There will be three questions/day according to the following schedule:

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| 8:30 – 10:00 | Question #1 |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | Question #2 |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30 – 2:00 | Question #3 |

B. The individual competency areas are scored in the following manner:

1. Pass
2. Pass with Reservation
3. Fail

C. The school psychology committee will evaluate the overall performance of the student on the six competency areas and rank the student's overall performance in the following manner:

1. Pass – The student successfully completed the examination and may move to the internship phase of the program.
2. Pass with Reservation – The student has passed the overall examination, but has not performed to the satisfaction of the committee on one or more of the six competency areas. The student may be required to do additional work as designed by the committee to meet competency.
3. Fail – The student has not demonstrated competency to the satisfaction of the committee. Failure in any three areas, or any combination of four “pass with reservation” or “fail,” will be considered a failure of the entire comprehensive examination. The student will retake the comprehensive examination at the next scheduled examination date.

Students must pass the examination or complete deficiencies as indicated before an internship may begin.

- D. The comprehensive examination requires that the student must answer the question(s) presented in each of the six competency areas. Failure to respond to a competency area results in failure of the competency and probable failure of the overall comprehensive examination.

- E. Students will identify their examination paper by a multi-digit number of their choosing. The following are sample questions from each competency area: