

Written Comprehensive Examinations in School Psychology

Format 2

Format: You will prepare response to 4 take-home questions over a period of 8 weeks. You may access all appropriate resources in preparing your responses, including published research, textbooks, and electronic databases. It is expected that responses will be completed in type-written format, thoroughly integrate the relevant literature, incorporate appropriate references, and conform to the current APA style manual. You will receive all 4 questions at the same time, and will turn in all responses at the same time, no longer than 8 weeks following the beginning of the written comprehensive examination.

Guidelines for Format Questions: Written comprehensive examinations will permit students to explore topics of potential relevance to the dissertation phase of their doctoral study. However, comprehensive examinations are a separate milestone from the dissertation, and are designed to demonstrate students' comprehensive understanding of their field of study. Format 2 written comprehensive examinations may include a foundational question requiring the integration and synthesis of content from the coursework phase of study. The student's Comprehensive Examination Committee will make a determination of the questions in Format 2 written comprehensive exams, following discussions with the student.

Following Your Written Comprehensive Examination

Your written comprehensive exams will be reviewed by the School Psychology members of your Advisory Phase Committee, usually within a month of administration. Performance on the written exam may be determined sufficient to proceed to the oral examination or re-writing of some or all of the written exam may be determined to be necessary. Although other members of your Advisory Phase Committee do not evaluate the written exams, they do receive a copy of the questions and your responses for the Oral Candidacy Exam.

