

**Educational Psychology Program
Department of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology
University of Missouri-Columbia
Comprehensive Exam**

The prerequisite to the Comprehensive Exam consists of material provided by the student (see below). The Comprehensive Exam consists of a written exam and an oral exam.

Materials to provide. The student should provide the following at least two weeks before the written exam. The presentation should be succinct but complete.

1. Doctoral program planner.
2. Syllabus for each course that was taken.
3. Transcript.
4. Vita.
5. Professional activity description. For each of the following, provide a description of how the requirement was satisfied.
 - a. Manuscript. Provide a copy of the conference presentation, publication, or manuscript submitted for publication that you wish to use to satisfy the manuscript requirement.
 - b. Professional Service. Provide evidence of professional service such as participation in a graduate student organization, professional organization, university committee, proposal reviewer, etc.
6. Teaching. Write a description of how you met the college requirement of a teaching internship (see Guidelines for Satisfying the College of Education Requirement for a Doctoral Teaching Internship). If relevant, provide your course evaluation summary sheet, syllabus, or other documentation.

Written Exam. The written exam consists of an eight hour proctored exam of four items. The four items will cover the following four topics: learning, development, measurement, and statistics. Two items are presented on day 1, and two on day 2. The items will be written by members of the doctoral committee and will reflect the program of study and specific areas of interest of the candidate. Exams can be scheduled in October, November, February, March, and June. Comprehensive exams must be completed at least 7 months before the doctoral dissertation defense.

Oral Exam. An oral exam of 1.5 to 2 hours is required. The candidate will address questions from the committee on the written exam items and on the materials provided.

Signatures. Successful completion of the comprehensive exam is indicated by signatures on the graduate school D-3 form.

Be sure that you are familiar with graduate school regulations available at <http://gradschool.missouri.edu/policies/doctoral/>.