

**School of Public Health
Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences**

Culminating Experience: MPH Comprehensive Examination

Administrative Details for Students

The following information is meant to inform students who intend to take the Comprehensive Examination as their culminating experience within their MPH degree plan.

Requirements:

- A student may qualify to sit for the examination after they have completed ALL core courses and ALL required coursework for the MPH degree in Community Health.
 - *Note: A student can sit for the examination while taking the final semester credit hours (SCH) of the required coursework after approval from their Advisor.*
- A student should notify their Academic Advisor before the week of final examinations of the semester preceding the one in which they want to take the comprehensive exam.
- Upon approval of their Academic Advisor, the student shall complete a Comprehensive Examination Registration Form and submit it to the Social & Behavioral Sciences Administrative Office – EAD 713 – prior to the end of the preceding semester.

Refer to the Description of the MPH in Community Health Culminating Experience section of the Catalog. This handout is also available in the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences Administrative Office – EAD 713.

Additional Examination details:

- The exam will be administered on the UNTHSC campus in a secure and restricted access environment, proctored by a faculty member.
- The total time allowed for completion of the exam is four hours.
- No outside resources, e.g., books, notes, will be allowed.
- No electronic devices of any kind – including those with internet connectivity – will be allowed.
- No cell phones, iPods, blackberries, PDA's, or pagers will be allowed.
- The examination will be graded as Pass/Fail by a committee of faculty members, and communicated to the student within two weeks.
- A student who fails the exam may retake the exam the following semester.
- A student who does not retake the exam or fails for the second time will be withdrawn from the program.

**Date for Comprehensive Exam – Spring Semester 2009
Friday, April 3, 2009**