

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

**MPH in Community Health
Culminating Experience – MPH Comprehensive Examination Option
Description**

This culminating experience is designed to address a student's ability to synthesize essential information gained during their MPH degree training and to assess their mastery of core competencies within community health.

Specific information regarding the Comprehensive Examination:

- A student may qualify to sit for the Comprehensive Examination after they have completed ALL core courses and ALL required coursework for the MPH 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.*
- The satisfactory completion of and mastery of content within required courses are meant to serve as partial preparation for the exam; however, additional study beyond these courses is strongly recommended.
- The examination will address the competencies and learning objectives outlined in the MPH in Community Health Degree Plan in the Student Catalog and the SPH Website.
- The examination will have a practice-based focus with questions relevant to implementing social and behavioral sciences in public health settings.
- Although not limited to the following, key areas that are likely to be covered include:
 - Community assessment,
 - Program planning,
 - Health promotion and disease prevention interventions, and
 - Evaluation of programs and interventions.

The comprehensive examination will be administered twice each Academic Year; once in the Fall Semester and once in the Spring Semester. Detailed information is provided through the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences Administrative Office – EAD 713.

**** Note:** Students may elect to complete a thesis for the culminating experience. This option requires approval by the student's Academic Advisor and the Department Chair. In this case, the student will complete 6 SCH of additional elective coursework and 6 SCH of thesis. A detailed description sheet of the Thesis Option is available in the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences Administrative Office – EAD 713.