Curriculum and Instruction Comprehensive Exam Policy

The comprehensive exam in Curriculum and Instruction requires candidates to answer four questions from the core courses in each degree program. M.Ed. candidates answer questions focused on the content and skills taught in CIEP 440, CIEP 442, CIEP 447 and CIEP 469. Ed.D. candidates answer questions focused on the content and skills taught in CIEP 521, CIEP 522, CIEP 523 and CIEP 524.

The following decision rules are used to determine whether a candidate has passed the comprehensive exam:

- Three or more questions earn a High Pass = High Pass (Cannot have a Did Not Pass on any question.)
- Two or more questions earn a Did Not Pass = Did Not Pass
- All Other Rating Combinations = Pass

Retake Guidelines

M.Ed. and Ed.D. candidates who fail two or more questions will need to retake the competencies failed by responding to new questions in those areas. The candidate is required to pass all questions retaken in order to pass.

M.Ed. candidates who fail any of the retake questions will need to revise and resubmit those responses. Failing the revise and resubmit phase will result in dismissal from the program.

Ed.D. candidates who fail any of the retake questions will need to appeal for re-entry to the program and submit an action plan to the Graduate Program Director that outlines how the candidate will develop competence in the areas failed (e.g. comprehensive reading or auditing a course). After completing the activities outlined in the action plan, the candidate will need to retake the full comprehensive exam at the next administration. Failure to pass the exam at that stage will result in dismissal from the program.