Guidelines for Comprehensive Exam and Praxis Exam

Description, Grading, and Preparation of Comprehensive Exam

- **When:** Comprehensive Examinations are typically given each January during the first week of classes in students’ third year.

- **Format:** four parts:
  - 1) Diagnostics Question 1
  - 2) Diagnostics Question 2
  - 3) Management: Hearing Aids and Rehabilitation
  - 4) Hearing Science

- **How questioned:** Parts 1-3 above will be examined with an essay format. Hearing Science will be examined by an integrative objective exam.

- **Procedure:**
  - **Preparation:** In the first week of November of students’ third year, students will receive a study guide for the Comprehensive Exam including one example of an essay question and the essay requirement to guide students’ preparation for the January exams. Students should feel free to schedule study sessions with teaching assistants and professors who teach pertinent classes and clinic areas.
  - **Exam procedures:** Comprehensive Examinations will be given on two days. Students will have two hours to complete each part (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). The Essay must be turned in at the end of each period’s two hours.
  - **Grading:** Each essay will receive a grade of Pass or Fail. A passing grade on the objective Hearing Science exam is 75%.

- **Remediation:**
  - If students **fail the majority** of the AuD Comprehensive Examination, students will be dismissed from the Doctor of Audiology program.
  - If students **pass the majority** of the Exam but fail a minority of it, they will be permitted to rewrite the part that was unsatisfactory and orally defend it to CDS faculty members. The section rewrite date for Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled in the second week of February.
  - If students do not pass the rewrite portion of their exam to remediate a failing exam score, then students will be required to make a one-hour presentation to the faculty member heading up each exam area and one Clinical Faculty member for each of the three parts: Diagnostics Question 1, Diagnostics Question 2, or Management: Hearing Aids and Rehabilitation. The oral presentation will be in the form of a PowerPoint presentation created by students to address problems in the written answers. The oral examination must be scheduled before the first week in March of the third year.
Following an unsuccessful rewrite and oral meeting, if students still do not pass one or more of the exams, they will not be allowed to go to a Fourth Year Placement until the entire Comprehensive Exam is retaken in August of the third year and passed before the Fourth Year. Students will be assigned a faculty mentor and be required to take an Independent Study course in the Summer of the third year before retaking the Comprehensive Examination in August.

Students will be dismissed from the Au.D. Program at U.B. without a degree if the Comprehensive Exam is not successfully passed before the Fourth Year.

Timing requirements for Praxis Exam completion:

- The ASHA Praxis exam should be taken starting in November of the Third Year. A passing grade must be submitted to the Department before the end of March in students’ third year.