

University of Oregon
Department of Human Physiology
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE – SPORTS MEDICINE/ATHLETIC TRAINING
COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

APPLICATION

1. Students must complete and submit to the Human Physiology (HPHY) Department office (122-C Esslinger) an application to take the Master of Science comprehensive examination. The application must be submitted prior to the end of the first week of the term that the examination is to be taken. The application is found on the third page of this document.
2. Students who have submitted applications will be mailed an acknowledgment of receipt of the application which includes the date, time, and location of the exam.

GENERAL INFORMATION

3. The **written** comprehensive examination is a four-hour typed examination with questions developed by the faculty that have been involved with coursework in the area of Sports Medicine/Athletic Training. The questions are to be comprehensive and integrate the student's coursework and interests in a way that goes beyond course examination questions. The exam will include four questions that should each take approximately one hour to answer fully. Official notification of results of the written examination will be issued by the HPHY office.
4. The **oral** comprehensive examination will be scheduled once the student has successfully completed the written examination. There will be a minimum of two examiners and the exam will be approximately 1-2 hours in length. The examiners may question the student about their answers from the written examination, the content of recent papers or presentations prepared by the student (ie: advanced rehabilitation protocol), or other topics related to the field of sports medicine/athletic training.

GRADING:

Written Exam

5. A minimum of two readers will grade each question. Each reader will assign a grade of 1 to 5 for each question, with 5 being superior and 1 being poor. NOTE: A grade of 3 is considered the minimum passing score on a given question.
6. The average for all questions answered must be at least 3.00 to meet the minimum passing standard.
7. In order for the exam to be accepted for grading, a reasonable attempt must be made to answer all 4 questions.
8. The readers may require that a student re-take any portion of the exam, even though the minimum passing standard has been met on the exam overall.

9. Students will be given one opportunity to re-take the entire exam, or any portion of the exam following the same format as the original exam, with 1 hour allotted for each question attempted.
10. If a student is not successful during their re-take of the written exam, they will be required to re-apply to take a new exam during a new term during the regular school year.

Oral Exam

11. Once the student has completed their oral exam, they will be asked to leave the room while the examiners determine the success of the examination.
12. The student will have one opportunity to re-take the oral examination if a passing grade is not assigned.
13. If the student is not successful during their re-take of the oral examination, they will be required to re-apply to take a new written and oral examination in a new term.
14. If the student is not successful during the 2nd attempt of their comprehensive exams, their graduate program will be terminated.

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COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION APPLICATION**

The comprehensive examination involves both a written (typed) examination followed by an oral examination. Both portions of the examination will be delivered by sports medicine/athletic training faculty. The student will have four hours to complete the typed portion of the examination, which will be taken during the date specified by the student's advisor. A copy of the questions, graded examination, and results of both portions of the examination must be submitted to the Graduate Office by the ninth week of the term. Official notification of results will be issued by the Graduate Office.

This signed application must be submitted to the Department of Human Physiology **no later than Friday of the first week of the term comprehensive examinations are to be attempted.**

The undersigned verify that:

Student's Name: _____ *phone* _____

Current Address: _____

has completed all required degree coursework with over a 3.00 GPA, and is eligible to take the Master of Science Comprehensive Examination in *Sports Medicine/Athletic Training*.

Written (typed) Examination Date and Time: _____

IF THE STUDENT FAILS TO APPEAR FOR THE EXAMINATION, THIS APPLICATION MAY BE INVALIDATED, AND A NEW APPLICATION WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED.

By signing below, the student acknowledges that they have sufficient keyboarding skills to complete a typed exam (computer will be provided).

Signature of student: _____ *date* _____

The undersigned agree to participate in the development, approval and evaluation of the questions which will constitute this student's examination.

Submitted by Sports Medicine/Athletic Training Program faculty (minimum, two EMS faculty members):

Advisor

