COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY

The comprehensive examination will be administered only in November and April of each academic year to graduate student who have elected the non-thesis option. Candidates must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of graduate credit at the time that the student registers for the examination and he/she must be currently registered in the university.

Students must take examinations for four courses: 1) KIN 530 (Research Methods), 2) two required courses within your specialization area (first course listed must be a required core competency course and both courses must have been taken at URI), and 3) a recommended elective course in his/her specialization area that the candidate feels represents areas in which he/she has the greatest competence.

In consultation with his/her Major Professor, a candidate must complete the “Application for Comprehensive Examination” early in the semester wherein examination is desired. This application must be filed with the Comprehensive Examination Committee no later than March 15th for an April Examination and no later than November 1st for a November examination. Candidates shall write their individual examinations on the same testing date to be selected each semester by the Comprehensive Examination Committee. To successfully pass the Comprehensive Examination the candidate must pass each component of the examination. A candidate who fails the examination is allowed one opportunity to be tested on a subsequent testing date.

The new Comprehensive Examination Committee shall be appointed each September to serve during the academic year. It shall consist of two members of the Department of Kinesiology appointment by the department chairperson. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to receive Application for Comprehensive Examination, to request examination questions from appropriate professors, to assemble individual examinations for students, to administer the test, and to read all completed examinations. Each examination question will be graded by the professor submitting the question. The two members of the Comprehensive Examination Committee and the Major Professor will be responsible for determining the final Comprehensive Examination grade for student.

The Comprehensive Examination will be proctored by the Graduate Program Director or a member of the Kinesiology faculty. The student will have up to eight hours to complete the examination and all answers will be written electronically on a department laptop computer with the wireless card disabled.

The results of each section will be sent to the respective faculty members for each course to be scored. After they have been scored, all Comprehensive Examinations shall be filed with the Department Chair for a period of five years following the examination. Results of individual examinations shall be forwarded to the Graduate School within a period of two weeks of the examination date by the Department Chairperson.