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Information about Comprehensive Exams for Cohort 12

- ✓ Every student in Cohort 12 will write comprehensive exams based on coursework and experiences (observation hours) in the Master of Science in Education program at Daemen College.
- ✓ Passing the comprehensive exams is a degree requirement.

Where/When will they be written?

Where? Daemen College, main campus (in the Schenck Hall building)

When? Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 from 1:00-4:00pm (*registration is between 12:00-12:30pm)

***Snow date?** If Daemen campus is closed due to weather on Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 the new date to write the comprehensive exams will be moved to January 30, 2010 from 1:00-4:00pm (*registration is between 12:00-12:30pm).

Make-up date for failed or missed exams? Saturday, February 27th, 2010 from 1:00-4:00pm (*registration is between 12:00-12:30pm)

Format of the Exam and Criteria for Passing

The comprehensive exam has 2 parts: Part #1 is multiple choice, Part #2 requires an extended written response. You must earn a minimum 75%, which is the equivalent of a GPA of 3.00, as your overall average on the comprehensive exam to earn a PASS. The required minimum achievement of 75% on the comprehensive exam represents a combined average of Part #1 and Part #2, weighted equally. If you do not pass the exam, you will be contacted personally and will have to rewrite both Part #1 and Part #2 of the comprehensive exam.

What do you do if you miss the exam on January 23rd, 2010? If you miss the exam on January 23rd, 2010 you must provide a valid reason for your unexpected absence by Monday, January 25th to Marybeth Fortune. Upon confirmation of your valid reason, you will have the opportunity to write the make-up exam February 27th, 2010.

Part #1: Multiple Choice Questions

Both CE and AE students will complete 100 multiple choice questions that will be based on coursework listed in the table below. Although the length and format for all students will be the same, CE students and AE students will write different exams. *You will need a pencil to complete these questions, so please arrive prepared.

<u>CE students</u>	<u>AE students</u>
Coursework from: CE500, CE502, CE503, & CE505 There will be 25 questions from each of these 4 courses (4 x 25 = 100 questions in total).	Coursework from: AE500, AE503, AE511, AE513, & AE524 There will be 20 questions from each of these 5 courses (5 x 20 = 100 questions in total).

Part #2: Written Question requiring Written Response (based on pedagogy)

Both CE and AE students will complete the same written pedagogical question, although they will draw upon their respective experiences and coursework for their response. The actual written question, as well as the accompanying rubric that will be used for grading, is available on the "Comprehensive Exam Information-Cohort 12" website. On the day of the exam, you will not be permitted to bring any supporting material in with you. You will be provided with this same rubric during the exam to guide your written response. It is recommended that you thoroughly prepare in advance by referring to texts and materials from all classes in your program. You will need to bring a pencil or pen to write with; booklets in which to write your response will be provided on the day of the exam.

Additional Questions? Refer to the "Comprehensive Exam Information-Cohort 12" link on the "Graduate Programs" menu on the Daemen College "Education" website for additional procedural information, registration information, location, study guides for the multiple choice portion, and the actual written question. Still confused? Contact Marybeth Fortune at mfortune@daemen.edu