

Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University Joint Doctor of Education Degree Program in Agricultural Education Qualifying Examination

Purpose:

There are two purposes for the Qualifying Exam. The first purpose is to provide you with feedback on your performance in specific areas. The Qualifying Exam will include knowledge-level questions to assess your ability to recall, describe, and discuss the fundamental concepts in each of your courses. You may find that you have mastered the content, or that you need to address some gaps in your knowledge prior to scheduling your Preliminary Exam. The Preliminary Exam will assess your ability to synthesize and apply these concepts.

The second purpose of the Qualifying Exam is for us to determine if you should continue in the program.

Procedure:

- 1) The qualifying examination is scheduled prior to the completion of 30 credit hours and will be administered for your group during the National AAAE Conference in May 2015.
- 2) The examination will consist of 100 multiple choice questions. You will be provided with a scantron (bubble score sheet) and a #2 pencil. The instructor of each of your courses has provided a list of questions; approximately 10 questions per 3-hour course. The questions have been reviewed by the joint faculty to insure they address the fundamental concepts from each of the courses you've taken, namely:
 - ALEC 695 Frontiers in Research
 - AGED 5306 History and Philosophy of AGED & Communications
 - AGED 5312 Assessing Program Effectiveness in Agriculture and Extended Education
 - ALEC 606 Foundations in Leadership Theory
 - ACOM 5307 Methods of Technological Transfer
 - ALEC 681 Seminar - Sharing Research through Posters
 - AGED 5305 Program Development in AGED & Communications
 - ALEC 610 Principles of Adult Education
 - AGED 5309 Evaluation Programs in Vocational, Technical, Extension Education
 - ALEC 601 Advanced Methods in AGED
- 3) The exam will be proctored by university personnel. You will have 2 hours to complete the exam.
- 4) Your scantron will be collected and sealed in an envelope. The results will not be available at the conference.
- 5) Following the conference, the exams will be scored, and the joint faculty will review the exams. Scores will be announced in June following the exam.

An overall score of 70% or above indicates that you may continue in the program. In addition, you will be provided with your scores in each of the areas to help you and your committee determine if there are specific gaps in your knowledge base.

If you score below 70% on the Qualifying Exam, you may retake the exam one time. The re-examination must be scheduled and taken between one and six months after the first attempt. The re-examination may be taken on either campus, or off-campus with a proctor chosen by the Joint Faculty. If you score below 70% on the re-examination, you will be provided with options for utilizing the credit you've earned. One option may be to seek a Master's Degree with either of the Joint Program institutions.

Preparing:

The Qualifying Exam assesses the "walking-around" knowledge we hope you've already mastered from each of your courses. To prepare, review the course materials from each course. If you have questions in specific areas, contact the instructors of those courses.