DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Comprehensive Exam Dates and FAQ's

Master of Education (M. Ed.) & Educational Specialist (Ed. S.) Programs in Elementary Education

Comprehensive Exam Testing Dates 2012-2013

Fall 2012	October 15, 2012
*Submit Application & Portfolio before the 4th Monday in August	
Spring 2013	March 18, 2013
*Submit Application & Portfolio before the 4th Monday in January	
Summer I Term 2013	June 10, 2013
*Submit Application & Portfolio before the 4th Monday in April	
Summer II Term 2013	July 15, 2013
*Submit Application & Portfolio before the 4th Monday in May	
Fall 2013	October 21, 2013
*Submit Application & Portfolio before the 4th Monday in August	

All candidates who submit a Comps Application must have an active TaskStream account and must submit a Disposition Portfolio via TaskStream.

FAQ's

What is the Comprehensive Exam?

It is a final written comprehensive examination in your major field that is required of all candidates. The examination covers all major field courses in the program. It is administered each semester and each summer session. The exam must be completed at least two weeks before the graduation date.

What are the requirements for taking the Comprehensive Exam?

To take the major field comprehensive you must be enrolled in, or have completed, the final coursework and have a 3.0 average (3.25 average for Ed. Specialist students) in the major field and a 3.0 average in the core courses.

How do I sign up to take the Comprehensive Exam?

First, discuss your program of study with your advisor to determine if you are eligible to submit an application. Next, submit an Application for the Comprehensive Exam and an Application for Graduation to the secretary of the Division of Teacher Education at least two semesters before the examination is to be administered. Applications are available from the division secretary and on our website.

How do I prepare for the Comprehensive Exam?

The exam will cover important and well-emphasized concepts within your major field courses. A study guide for the exam is mailed to each candidate who submits an application for the comprehensive exam and who has met all requirements. Please understand that the study guide will not be sent to you if you do not meet the requirements for taking the exam.

Where do I take the Comprehensive Exam?

Students who live within a 50 mile radius of the campus must take the exam on the Delta State campus. All other students have the option of taking the comprehensive exam on campus or at an alternate site. Specific instructions for getting approval to take the exam at an alternate site will be mailed to online students.