

**School of Nursing
Doctoral Program**

Evaluation criteria for comprehensive exam (NSG 9998)

Complete lack of any of these criteria can result in failure of the comprehensive exam.

In response to the comprehensive examination questions, the student must:

- Write about the topic in a holistic way that accounts for the most important areas of focus, while engaging ideas with nuance and complexity (**Breadth and depth**).
- Demonstrate an understanding of nursing disciplinary knowledge as well as mobilization of knowledge from other disciplines where relevant (**Nursing knowledge**).
- Integrate scholarly ideas, which can include concepts, principles and/or theories (e.g., conceptual models, theoretical frameworks) to substantiate their ideas (**Theoretical thinking**).
- Synthesize and integrate findings from a broad review of the literature (**State of knowledge**).
- Show meaningful application of theoretical and empirical ideas to a relevant nursing issue (**Application to nursing**).
- Demonstrate in-depth understanding and examination of methodological issues and/or approaches in nursing scholarship and if necessary from other disciplines (**Methodology**).
- Demonstrate evidence of thoughtful and critical analysis of methodological and epistemological issues (**Critical appraisal**).
- Clearly communicate an innovative point of view (**Creative thinking**).
- Identify the limitations of their responses to the comprehensive examination questions (**Limitations**).
- Write with eloquence, coherence and brevity, according to a specific academic format (ex. APA, Chicago, MLA) (**Scholarly writing**).

Global Recommendation (across *both* questions; written and oral components): S / NS

Other comments: (To the reviewer: this is where you can hint at questions you will ask in the defense; If NS, then specify revisions that would be necessary to be satisfactory)

Reports cannot exceed 3 pages.