

## **Comprehensive Examination**

As a culminating experience for counseling degree programs in the Department of Counselor Education, counseling degree candidates are **required** to complete a Comprehensive Examination. The objectives of this culminating experience are:

1. To help the candidate synthesize and integrate his/her program of study.
2. To determine the degree to which pre-established, basic competencies have been acquired.
3. To determine the depth and breadth of general knowledge and the degree of integration of such knowledge.
4. To determine the candidate's skills in communicating knowledge.
5. To assess the quality of the graduate training programs.

During their Internship year, Counseling degree candidates take the National Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination. This exam is given once per year. The date and other information will be sent to students through their Kutztown University email.

In order to take the Comprehensive Exam, students must be in good standing (GPA 3.0) with no Incompletes.

**School Counseling Students:** School Counseling students are eligible to receive the Educational Specialist Certificate. The required test for this Certification is the Praxis Professional School Counselor test.