Speech-Language Pathology MS Program Comprehensive Examination
What is a capstone requirement?

- All Communicative Disorders graduate students must complete a capstone experience (e.g., culminating experience) in order to earn a Master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

- The AU Capstone experience is the Comprehensive Examination.
Who should take Comps?

- All graduate students in Speech-Language Pathology are required to take the comprehensive examination.

- Students are only permitted to take the comprehensive examination when they have successfully completed all core academic courses.

- Have a GPA of 3.0 or above
Tentative Format of the Comprehensive Exam at Andrews University

The Comprehensive Examination will cover the following areas:

- Articulation (Articulation and Phonology)
- Language (Receptive and Expressive Language including morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics) Development and Disorders
- Hearing (impact on speech and language)
- Swallowing
- Neurocognitive (attention, memory, sequencing, problem-solving, executive functioning) including dementia, Right-hemisphere and TBI
- Voice and Resonance including respiration and phonation, and craniofacial anomalies
- Motor Speech including Apraxia and Dysarthria
- Social Aspects
- AAC
- Fluency
How the Examination will be Organized

- The Comprehensive Exam will be broken down into 10 sections
  - Language Development and Disorders
  - Voice and Craniofacial disorders
  - Motor speech
  - Articulation and Phonology
  - Dysphagia
  - Fluency
  - Neurocognitive Disorder
  - Aphasia
  - Hearing and AAC
  - Anatomy and Physiology and Speech Science
How the Examination will be Organized

- With each of the 10 sections as is appropriate there will be questions in the areas of:
  - Foundations and Professional practice
  - Screening, Assessment, Evaluation and Diagnosis
  - Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation and Treatment.
  - Also including:
    - Ethics, Multicultural Issues, Laws and Advocacy, Evidence-Based Practice, and Research
Format and Organization of the Comprehensive Exam at Andrews University

- 10 sections of the comprehensive exam
- Each section will have 20 questions for a total of 200 questions
- Split into two administration sections at 2 hours each (Total of 4 hours)
- Therefore, section one will have 100 questions and section two will have 100 questions

Students must achieve at least an 85% in each section to pass the comprehensive exam
On the Day of the Exam
February 23, 2016

- 7:30 a.m. Test Room will be open (room # to be announced)
- 7:50 a.m.
  - Door closed and locked
  - No further entry or exit will be allowed until the scheduled break except in case of emergency evacuation
  - Students arriving after this time forfeit their opportunity to take the exam during this test administration.
- 8:00 a.m.
  - Exam begins
  - Students are not permitted to walk around during the test or leave the room for any reason
  - Students who finish section one of the exam before 10:00 a.m. (end time) are asked to remain in their seats as movement and exiting the room can be distracting to others.
On the Day of the Exam cont’d

- 10:00 a.m.
  - section one will be collected
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m.
  - Break (Students are not to leave Bell Hall. If a snack is needed please make sure you have one close by.)
- 10:25 a.m.
  - Door closed and locked
  - No further entry or exit will be allowed until the scheduled end of exam except in case of emergency evacuation
  - Students arriving after this time forfeit their opportunity to take the exam during this test administration and therefore forfeit the entire exam.
On the Day of the Exam cont’d

- 10:30 a.m.
  - Exam begins
  - Students are not permitted to walk around during the test or leave the room for any reason
  - Students who finish section two of the exam before 12:30 p.m. (end time) are asked to remain in their seats as movement and exiting the room can be distracting to others.

- 12:30 p.m.
  - Section two of the comprehensive exam will end and be collected.
Scoring

- Test results will be available by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the exam.
- A letter will be made available and/sent by email to students’ Andrews University email.
- That letter will state PASS/PASS with exception/FAIL:
  - PASS – You have passed the comprehensive exam.
  - PASS WITH EXCEPTION – You have failed one or two sections of the exam and a further instructions will be made available in the letter.
  - FAIL – You have failed the exam and will have to retake it at the next test administration. Further instruction will be made available in the letter.

No score percentages will be made available.
On the day of the Exam

- Please bring nothing into the exam room. Pencils and erasers will be provided as the test will be paper based scan-tron assessment.

- Students will not be allowed to have phones, watches, timers of any kind, bags, purses, coats etc. in the room. No glasses cases will be allowed in the room. If needed those items will be locked up in a room in the department.

- Students will be asked to sit in specific areas
Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.