The comprehensive examination for the MS in Applied Health Science, major in School and College Health Education is an assessment of the student’s ability to integrate the knowledge of the area, show critical and independent thinking, and demonstrate mastery of the delineated exit competencies in this area of study. The comprehensive examination will consist of questions from two required core courses and two of the college health education major courses (SPH H510 & SPH H552). Since the program has rolling admission, the comprehensive examination will be offered every the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters depending on need.

Eligibility for the culminating examination requires the completion of at least 27 graduate semester credit hours required for the degree, not including graduate level elective course(s). An application is not required for the culminating examination; however, students will be made aware of the culminating exam upon entrance into the program and at the beginning of the semester in which they will take the culminating exam. Once a student begins the final semester of course work for the degree, s/he will meet with an advisor to review the culminating experience requirements and schedule the exam.

Procedure: The School and College Health Education Coordinator and/or designated faculty member will administer the examination. The student will be given a folder containing exam questions. Each section (four sections) of the exam will be graded separately. Students will be expected to complete each section separately and return it before receiving the next section. The student may take up to seven hours to complete the exam. The comprehensive exam is administered in the School of Public Health Building where students are allowed to complete the exam on a secure computer provided by the department.

A score of a 70% or higher on each exam section is required to pass. If a student fails a section, s/he will be permitted to retake the portion of the exam after attaining feedback regarding the deficiency. Upon completion of each section, the student will submit responses to questions on a USB storage device to the School and College Health Education Coordinator who will distribute them to the appropriate faculty member(s) for scoring. Students will be permitted to eat, drink and/or use the restroom between sections.

The instructor submitting the questions for each section or the Coordinator will be responsible for grading the questions and reporting the results within four business days. It is recommended that students keep copies of their coursework notes from all master's program of study classes in preparation for the culminating experience comprehensive examination. A record of the examination questions and responses shall be maintained in accordance with the records retention policy of the School of Public Health-Bloomington.

NOTE: This exam has not yet been developed because no students will be eligible for examination prior the fall 2016 semester