Comprehensive MPH Exam Protocol

The MPH Comprehensive exam includes two components: Multiple Choice & Essay. Students are given three hours to complete each component.

Exam Site: Students are required to sign in and show their identification upon entering the classroom or computer lab. Upon entry into the examination site, the student must place all books, notes, study aids, phones, coats and personal possessions at a site away from the seats. Students must sit several seats apart within a row and with at least one empty row between rows of seated students. The Program reserves the right to assign seating. No talking is allowed once an examination starts. Students are expected to uphold to the Code of Responsibility of Students of TUC. Obtaining a copy of the exam, a previous year’s exam or questions and/or getting help from another student during the exam are all considered cheating. Any student engaging in dishonest acts during an examination are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the Program.

Essay: Students must sign on to Microsoft Word. The document header must contain the student’s school identification number (no names). Use of the internet is not permitted during the exam. Students may only use the books and resources provided by the Program. Upon completion of the essay, students must print their copies (if using a desktop computer) and staple their exam questions to the back. Students working on a laptop will upload their essays on a thumb drive provided by the program and a copy of their exam question must be returned to the proctor.

Multiple Choice: Students will be provided a calculator and #2 pencil.

Grading

Essay: Each student will be reviewed by two faculty members. There are 5 sections, each worth 20 points, for a total of 100 points. Students must average 70 points between reviewers to pass the essay portion of the comprehensive exam. A 3rd reviewer will be included if there is a disagreement between reviewers by a margin of 15 points or more (i.e. 80 vs. 65 points). Scores score will be averaged for the final grade. If a 3rd reviewer is involved, the two closest scores will be averaged.