

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES – MD/PHD PROGRAM FORM: Student Qualifying Exam Outcome

INSTRUCTIONS: After the exam has been given, please complete and forward to the MD/PhD Program Office. This may be faxed (6-8009), sent via interoffice mail (GSBS, Room S1-824) or hand delivered. Because signatures are required, it cannot be sent via e-mail.

Date of Qualifying Exam		
Outcome of Exam		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass - Student may enter into doctoral thesis research	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Pass - Student may enter into doctoral thesis research; however the student is required to take and pass the following course(s) with a grade of 'A', 'B', or 'P' the next time offered by GSBS:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Passed – Revise Student is required to revise the QE Proposal and may not enter into doctoral thesis research until the revisions have been approved by the committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Passed - Retest Student must retest and may not enter into doctoral thesis research until passing the retest. At the direction of the committee, this may require that the proposal be re-written.	<input type="checkbox"/> Fail - Dismissed from GSBS
Additional information about Outcomes can be found on page 2, below		

Outcome of Provisional Pass/Revise/Retest	Date QE Passed:
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	Student has successfully met the requirements of the Provisional Pass, Revise or Retest and has passed the Qualifying Examination
<input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Student has not successfully met the requirements of the Provisional Pass, Revise or Retest and has failed Qualifying Examination

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE
Student		
Thesis Advisor		
Program		
Graduate Program Director		
Qualifying Committee Chair		
Comments:		

Approved

GSBS Signature	Date
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This form requires the signature of the GSBS Dean or Associate Dean and certifies that the student has successfully passed the Qualifying Examination

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<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Program Director	<input type="checkbox"/> GSBS Student File
GSBS Staff:	Date:

Information about Outcomes

Pass: the student may enter full thesis research and will receive a grade of Pass for the Qualifying Examination course

Provisional Pass: Provisional Pass will result in a grade of Incomplete for the Qualifying Examination course

- The student is required by the QEC to take additional course(s) to correct a deficiency and must register in the required GSBS course(s) for credit the next time the course is offered. This course may be a GSBS Advanced Topics or a GSBS Elective Course (i.e., a Tutorial or Journal Club Course). If the student is required to repeat a course, it will be taken as an audit and the grade will be recorded on the QE Outcome form, but not on the student's PSSA record.
- Upon completion of the required course(s) with a grade of 'A', 'B', or 'P' the Qualifying Examination outcome of Provisional Pass will be changed to Pass and the Qualifying Examination course grade will be changed from Incomplete to Pass. If the student receives a grade of 'C', 'MP' or 'F' in the required course(s), the Qualifying Examination outcome will be changed to Fail and a grade of 'F' will be recorded for the Qualifying Examination course.

Revise: Revise will result in a grade of Incomplete for the Qualifying Examination course.

- The QEC summarizes in writing the areas of weakness in the proposal. The student must address these specific points by rewriting the relevant sections of the written proposal. These revisions must be completed within two weeks of receipt of the critique. The QEC will then evaluate the final proposal and assign a Qualifying Examination outcome and Qualifying Examination course grade of Pass or Fail.

Retest: Retest will result in a grade of Incomplete for the Qualifying Examination Course.

- The QEC summarizes in writing the areas of weakness in the oral defense/proposal. The student must address these specific points by rewriting the relevant sections of the written proposal and submitting to a second oral defense. These revisions and the retest must be completed within three weeks of receipt of the critique. The QEC will then evaluate the oral defense and assign a Qualifying Examination outcome and Qualifying Examination course grade of Pass or Fail.

Fail: Failure will result in dismissal from the GSBS. A student fails if more than one member of the committee votes for failure or if the student does not successfully meet the requirements of the Provisional Pass, Revise or Retest Outcomes

Appeal of Failure: The student may discuss the outcome of his Qualifying Exam with the Dean and request a review of the result. If so requested, the Dean will discuss the proceedings of the exam and the outcome with the Chair and committee members of the QEC. The Dean will discuss the student's performance and potential in the laboratory setting with the student's Thesis Advisor and will review the student's academic performance. The Dean will issue a finding which is final.