

M.S. BIOLOGY PROGRAM - BIOLOGY CONCENTRATION
DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

During the third semester, or at LEAST one semester prior to the semester of graduation, each student must complete the qualifying examination. This exam is to be given by the student's advisory committee and administered by the Major Professor. Additional examiners may be selected by the student and the committee. The format of the exam is determined by the Major Professor and the committee. The student must pass the exam and one re-evaluation is allowed. Failure to pass the qualifying examination will result in removal of the student from the program. **NOTE:** at least one of your examiners is required to use the question format/evaluation on the next page!

M.S. BIOLOGY - MICROBIOLOGY CONCENTRATION
DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

The qualifying examination will be a written examination prepared by the Health Sciences Microbiology Graduate Faculty and administered by the Graduate Coordinator. The examination will cover the areas of General Microbiology, Bacteriology, Virology, and Immunology. Each professor will provide the student with a number of questions from which the student will be required to answer a specified number of questions. Each examiner will determine whether the student successfully answered their questions. A meeting of the Microbiology Graduate Faculty will reach a consensus as to whether the student passed or failed the examination. Remedial actions will be recommended to the student who fails the examination. The student will then be re-evaluated. The student failing to pass the second examination will be dismissed from the program.