

National Taiwan Normal University
Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling
Guidelines for Qualifying Examination for PhD program

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- I. Eligibility for application:
 1. Students who have completed at least one year of study, and students specialize in Educational Psychology, Assessment Technology, Counseling Psychology, Educational Psychology and Counseling taught in English who have obtained credits required by the curricular framework and credits required for graduation (professional practice is not required for Counseling Psychology Specialization).
 2. Those who have applied for and been approved by dissertation advisor.
- II. Application and examination time:
 1. Students who intend to take the examination in the fall semester must apply in mid-to-late May and take the examination before January 15 of the next semester.
 2. Students who intend to take the examination in the spring semester must apply in mid-to-late November and take the examination before June 15 of the next semester.
- III. Application procedure: Fill in the application form and submit it to the department office with the transcript attached within the prescribed time.
- IV. Contents to be covered: varies with the specialization.
 1. Common subject: Methodology in social science (including research methods, qualitative research, quantitative research, etc.)
 2. Group Subject (Mandatory):
 - Educational Psychology Specialization: Special Topics in Educational Psychology
 - Assessment Technology Specialization: Test Theory and Techniques
 - Counseling Psychology Specialization: Special Topics in Counseling Psychology
 - Educational Psychology and Counseling taught in English Specialization: Psychology of Crossing Cultural Borders
 3. Group Subject (Optional) (subject to students' specialization).
- V. Journal Publication could be use as substitution for Qualifying Examination in EPC. PhD student who plan to apply for substitution need to submit the application at the time of applying for qualifying examination. Only publications published in a SCI, SSCI, A&HCI, EI, TSSCI, THCI (THCI Core before 2016) journals, EconLit and SCOPUS indexed journals, or other scholarly and professional journals recognized by departments in the University during the course of PhD study could be submitted. Applicant must be the first author or corresponding author of the publication. Articles that have been accepted but have not been published need to provide addition material to support its status. Articles that have not been

accepted need to provide confirmation of acceptance or publication before finishing qualifying examination. Submitted articles cannot be the revision of master's thesis or PhD dissertation. If the article be declined to publish or be retracted after the publication, the Department could withdraw applicant's qualification of substituting and applicant must take qualifying examination in the next semester.

- VI. Those who intend to withdraw the qualifying examination, change writing test for journal publication or change journal publication for writing test must submit applications two months before the qualification examination, only one time of changing is allowed.
- VII. For those who apply to substitute the qualifying examination with journal publication, one publication can be substituted for one subject, and the substitution order is: group subject (optional), group subject (mandatory), and common subject.
- VIII. The minimum passing score or grade for the qualifying examination is 70 or B-, with the total score of 100; those who fail and are still within the extended period of study may retake the examination in the following semester, only one retake of examination is allowed; former subjects are still the main contents in the reexamination but may be changed with the approval of dissertation advisor and the consent of department chair.
- IX. Those who fail the qualifying examination are not allowed to take the dissertation proposal examination and degree examination.
- X. The Guidelines shall take effect with the approval of the Department Affairs Committee and submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for future reference. Any amendments thereafter must be handled in the same manner.

These regulations were translated from the original Chinese. In the event of any discrepancies between the two versions, the Chinese always takes precedence.