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**Christine E Lynn College of Nursing
PhD in Nursing Program
Evaluation Guide for Oral Comprehensive Examination**

PhD students must achieve a rating of satisfactory on two thirds of criteria in each of 5 components.

In the oral component of the comprehensive examination, the student will:

Exam Component	Satisfactory Performance	Indicate rating-check all that apply	Comments
Mastery			
<i>1. Literature related to phenomenon of interest</i>			
	Discuss a wide range of nursing literature including caring science and other disciplinary literature		
	Incorporate current research literature into responses to questioning by committee members		
	Articulate the need for future research based on current		
<i>2. Philosophical/Theoretical knowledge</i>			
	Use research interests to discuss the relationship between caring theories/philosophies and other relevant disciplinary theories and philosophies		
	Provide a caring theoretical framework for research focus		
	Describe how complex patterns of knowing inform students' plans for research		

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3. Research Methods			
	Compare/contrast research methods related to research focus		
	Evaluate/critique research methods		
	Articulate appropriate qualitative and quantitative approaches to research focus		
	Articulate methods for ensuring data quality		
	Identify software that supports data analysis		
	Relate ethical issues to research methods		
	Communicate how student's research plans value human dignity and cultural understanding		
	Describe methods for inter-professional and community engagement to conduct research		
	Articulate how planned research may translate to practice		
4. Synthesis			
	Articulate significance of research topic including for policy formation.		
	Communicate gap in knowledge that student's research will address		
	Articulate potential unique contribution to nursing knowledge		
5. Delivery/Comportment			
	Deliver clear, concise presentation		
	Provide response that are persuasive, coherent and clearly articulated		
	Support responses with rationale, evidence and		

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	specific examples		
Pass _____	Fail _____		
<u>Committee Signatures</u>			
Chair:			
Member:			
Member:			