

National Taiwan University College of Public Health Implementation Rules of Qualifying Exam towards Doctoral Candidacy for Ph.D. in Global Health Program

Applicable to students admitted starting from the 2020-2021 academic year

Chapter 1 General Principles

Article 1

National Taiwan University College of Public Health Ph.D. in Global Health Program (hereinafter referred to as 'GHP'), is to implement the following measures of the qualifying exam towards doctoral candidacy, in order to promote the doctoral students' research ability in obtaining and applying the knowledge necessary for completing their studies.

Chapter 2 Ph.D. Candidacy

Article 2

Students should complete the qualifying exam within the time limit as specified in Chapter Four. The subjects and request application regarding the qualifying exam are provided as follows; those who do not pass the written qualifying exam within the time limit shall be ordered to withdraw from the GHP. Those who do not pass the written exam can apply only once for retaking the exam of per subject. If the students still fail the reexam, they shall withdraw from the GHP according to the university regulations. In instances of pregnancy, childbirth, or taking care of children under the age of three, an extension can be granted upon approval.

Article 3

To qualify as a doctoral candidate, the following conditions must be met:

1. Earning the credits of all compulsory courses;
2. Passing the written qualifying exam;
3. Passing the oral defense for doctoral dissertation proposal.

Chapter 3 Qualifying Examination

Article 4

The passing score for qualifying exams is B- (70% and above).

Article 5

Result Announcement: The results of the Ph.D. qualifying exams are announced by the GHP director to the students before the next semester begins, providing the students with adequate time to register for courses (compulsory and/or elective) by the deadline of course selection based on the exam results.

Chapter 4 Exam Regulations

Article 6

1. Exam methods: Written exam and oral defense

1) Written exam:

Subject A: Global Health Science

The subject covers general knowledge of global health science acquired through the compulsory core courses.

Subject B: Research Methods in Global Health

The subject covers the fundamental and advanced research methods in global health acquired through the compulsory core courses.

- a. Compulsory questions on fundamental knowledge of global health research methods, 50%
- b. Choose one from the two fields: quantitative or qualitative research methods in global health, 50%.

2) Oral defense: According to the student's expertise, a committee consisting of three teachers is formed to grade the research proposal. The proposal should be approved by the dissertation advisor before submission to the GHP office. Students can refer to the research template provided by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

2. Eligibility for examination

- 1) Written exam: Compulsory courses must be completed (except dissertation). Those who have not completed the courses can request for taking the qualifying exam only with the permission from the GHP director.
- 2) Oral defense: The students can request for oral defense only when they have passed the written exam.

3. Application Deadline:

- 1) Written exam: The application should be completed 4 weeks before the next semester begins (subject to the GHP's timetable). Please make the request for exam to the GHP office for eligibility check and relevant arrangement.
- 2) Oral defense: The proposal for qualifying exam must be submitted to the GHP office before the end of April or at the beginning of November. Those who cannot make it by the deadline may attend oral defense at the next round.

4. Examination Time

- 1) Written exam: the 1st or 2nd week after the beginning of the semester or, in exceptional circumstances, on other dates approved by the GHP Curriculum Committee.
- 2) Oral exam: June or December

5. Deadline for exam completion: The qualifying exam in both written and oral forms must be accomplished by the end of the third academic year since the admission of doctoral students (excluding the period of time for formal suspension).

6. Oral defense committee: The committee members are determined by the dissertation advisor.

Article 7

These regulations, adopted by the GHP Curriculum Committee, should be reported to the CPH Curriculum Committee and NTU Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) for recordation, and enter into force on the day when they are announced by the NTU OAA.