

**Checklist for the PhD General Exam in the UCONN School of Nursing:
(See the Doctoral Student Handbook for more details about this process).**

General Exam Requirements	Issues to Consider:	Completed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishable manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal on a topic and format approved by the student's 3-person advisory committee. <p><i>Set-up meeting with major advisor and committee to discuss topic</i></p>	<p>The General Exam may be completed after 75% of the program coursework has been completed consistent with graduate school requirements.</p> <p>See School of Nursing, Doctoral Student Handbook and Graduate School documents for more details about this process.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose an acceptable format: <i>The advisory committee must approve the format of the manuscript for the general exam.</i> <p>Formats that require IRB review are not permitted.</p>	<p>Acceptable formats include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated or systematic review of the literature (using the PRISMA guidelines) • Meta-synthesis • Meta-analysis • Concept or theory analysis • Philosophy paper • Secondary analysis of publically available data 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the topic and format are approved by the Committee, it is permissible to set-up a tentative oral presentation date with the committee based on the timeline below. 	<p>The student is responsible for setting up the oral presentation date/time and room (including technology support needed). <i>Schedule for 2 hours.</i></p> <p>** If the committee deems necessary the tentative presentation date can be altered at any time point in the process.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 weeks before the tentative presentation date submit to advisory committee 	<p><i>Committee will not provide editorial feedback; they will only determine if the paper is sufficiently developed to proceed to the oral phase of the general exam.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 weeks before the tentative presentation date submit committee-approved paper to two readers 	<p><i>Readers will not provide editorial feedback; they will only determine if the paper is sufficiently developed to proceed to the oral portion of the general exam.</i></p>	
<p>Oral Presentation The oral presentation includes presentation and discussion of the paper as well as an overview of the student's program of study underlying the paper and a plan for future program of research, including the dissertation topic. Doctoral student brings School of Nursing and Graduate School Forms for faculty signatures.</p>	<p><i>The 5-person general exam committee examines not only the paper contents but also the student's research plan, as well as the student's ability to apply philosophy, theory, and research methods within the context of the student's stated area of expertise.</i></p> <p>The completed paper is to be submitted for publication as part of the student's scholarly portfolio.</p>	