New Process Beginning Fall 2021, in lieu of a Preliminary and Comprehensive Exam

**Master’s Program:**

**Comprehensive Exam**
The two comprehensive exams for Master’s students will be replaced by Task I and Task II in CEDA 560 and CEDA 561. The evaluation rubrics for these GELS-aligned projects are included in the Educational Leadership Field Handbook. The instructor of record for CEDA 560/561 will score both rubrics, which will become two of the four key assessments required for the Master’s Program.

**EdD Programs (Higher Education & P-12 Leadership):**

**Preliminary Exam**
After successfully (no incompletes) completing no less than 12 credit hours, students can enroll in CHED/CEDA 699 - Research Methods and complete Chapter 1 of the Prospectus with the instructor of record. A concept paper assignment administered early in the semester will help the students develop fully their Chapter 1 by the end of the semester. Chapter 1 Rubric (to be finalized) will replace the Preliminary Exam rubric.

If students do not have their dissertation topics finalized while in CHED/CEDA 699, they may be recommended a topic that is aligned with one of the GELS Standards (for the P-12 program) or the Program Learning outcomes (for the HE programs).

**NOTE:** Students who have already taken CHED/CEDA 699 as of Fall 2021, may complete the Preliminary Exam (by submitting Chapter 1) to the instructor of record within a course aligned with the content area of the dissertation topic OR within a research course, such as qualitative or quantitative research. Upon approval of Chapter 1 by the instructor of record, these students will now be eligible to enroll in CHED/CEDA 995 to work on completing their Prospectus (Chapters 1-3).

**Comprehensive Exam**
After successfully (no incompletes) completing 48 credit hours, students will complete the full (newly restructured) Prospectus (Chapters 1-3) and present it to the dissertation committee while enrolled in their first CHED 995/CEDA 995.

The Prospectus Rubric (to be revised) will replace the current Comprehensive Exam rubrics and will be scored by the dissertation committee members.