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## I. INTRODUCTION

This document outlines the policy on graduate comprehensive exams and culminating experiences.

## II. DEFINITIONS

N/A

## III. POLICY

Every graduate degree program concludes with a mandatory culminating experience which requires candidates to synthesize and apply knowledge acquired throughout the program. Each program determines the type of culminating experience which may include, but is not limited to, a comprehensive exam, a thesis, or a capstone project. Students must meet department-specific eligibility requirements before registering for the culminating experience.

Each program will provide its students with a written description of its culminating experience, including eligibility, grading standards, procedures for evaluating the experience, and policies for students who are unsuccessful in their attempt to complete their culminating experience. These policies must be posted on the Department/Program website. Candidates who are unable to schedule and successfully complete their culminating experience during the 6-year limit to program completion (see the "Program Completion" policy statement in the Graduate Bulletin) must consult with their respective graduate program coordinator and petition for an extension from the dean of their academic school.

A student may repeat a comprehensive exam or culminating experience only once without permission of the program coordinator.

Students who are unsuccessful in completing their culminating experience may appeal the outcome as per the College's Grade Appeal Policy (<http://policies.tcnj.edu/policies/digest.php?docId=9302>). If the candidate is unsuccessful in the appeal process the candidate will be dismissed from the program