

University of Pennsylvania
Pharmacology Graduate Group
Completion of Candidacy Exam

Name: _____

Date of Candidacy Exam: _____

Thesis Advisor: _____

Presentation Title: _____

RESULTS: (please check one of the following categories)

___ **Unconditional pass** – permission to begin thesis research.

___ **Conditional pass** – may begin thesis research, but with conditions such as additional coursework (outlined below) which is monitored by the thesis advisor and thesis committee.

___ **Revise without reexamination** – may begin thesis research, but revisions* to the written proposal must be submitted to the Candidacy Exam committee for approval before a passing grade is given. (DEADLINE (4-6 weeks from examination*) DATE: _____
(*Extensions of this deadline may be granted in exceptional cases upon consultation with the graduate group).

___ **Revise with reexamination** – If reexamination is required, a member of the Academic Review Committee or Executive committee will be added as an extra member to the Examination Committee.

- if Unconditional pass the student may begin thesis research,
- if Conditional pass the student may begin thesis research, but with _____ conditions such as additional coursework which is monitored by the thesis advisor and thesis committee
- if Fail then the case will be referred to the Graduate Group Executive Committee with the possible outcome of granting a terminal Masters degree.

___ **Fail**- the case will be referred to the Graduate Group Executive Committee with the possible outcome of granting a terminal Masters degree.

Evaluation:

For Mentor: Is the research project sufficiently distinct from your funded research?

Written Proposal:

1. Written Proposal

- a. Does the project address an important problem or critical barrier to progress in the field?

- b. What is the likelihood of success of proposed experiments for a thesis student?

- c. How well did the student interpret experimental outcomes?

- d. Was relevant literature adequately described and referenced?

2. Oral Presentation

- a. Was the public seminar clear and well executed?

- b. Did the student respond appropriately to audience questions?

3. Defense

- a. Did the student respond appropriately to examiners questions?

- b. Was the student able to go beyond the scope of the proposal to think of alternate mechanisms/
outcomes

4. General Comments

Chair, Candidacy Exam Committee: _____ Date: _____
(Please print and sign name)

The Candidacy Exam Committee's evaluation and final decision were discussed with me. I understand the steps that need to be taken to remediate a Conditional Pass or Fail, and the timeline for their completion.

Student's signature : _____