**Practice Comprehensive Exam Response**

As you are aware, after completing coursework, doctoral students have the opportunity to participate in an engaging process that let them demonstrate all that they know….the comprehensive exam. The exam covers the five core courses: 6310, 6311, 6319, 6320, and 6321.

The purposes of the comprehensive exam are: 1) To consolidate and clarify students’ understanding of the five core areas. 2) To allow students to demonstrate their ability to successfully research and write the dissertation. 3) To prepare students to successfully enter the field of Rhetoric and Composition.

About two-thirds into the semester, I’ll provide you with a practice comps exam question. Although we won’t simulate the time limit (72 hours), your response will follow these guidelines:

* Double spaced
* 12-point font
* 1-inch margins
* Approximately 5 pages (total exam length is 32 pages)
* APA or MLA citations

As with the comprehensive exam, the criteria for evaluation are students will:

* Present succinct and insightful analyses of the readings, including the major assumptions and rhetorical stances of the authors
* Situate the readings within broader theoretical, pedagogical, and/or historical contexts
* Reflect critically upon the arguments, contexts, and line of inquiry in the readings
* Develop their own arguments from these reflections
* Write their responses clearly and concisely