

EXAMS

Clinical Qualifying Examination

At the end of the first year field internship (<https://catalog.smith.edu/ssw/phd-program/clinical-internships/>), fellows take the Clinical Qualifying Examination, which has both written and oral components.

In the written exam, the fellow is asked to analyze a published piece of work and discuss selected theoretical and practice issues within it. In the oral exam, fellows prepare a clinical case and present it orally to a faculty committee at the School.

Comprehensive Examination

During the second field internship, fellows take a comprehensive examination that integrates learning from over the two-year period of study. For the comprehensive examination, a proposal is developed by the fellow in an area of his or her own interest. The examination takes the form of a comprehensive paper designed to move the fellow toward the preparation of a dissertation proposal.