

Dissertation Research Proposal/Plan a.k.a Qualifying Comprehensive Exam :

As we have discussed with our previous Term IV students as well as notifying their professors who taught DBA 1013,1014 and 1015,there is an overriding need for these students to use the aforementioned 3 interlocking suite of courses to complete their Qualifying Comprehensive Examination a.k.a their draft Dissertation Research Proposal/plan.

Please permit us to expand upon the above point and once again request the support of these professors in working with their Term IV DBA students in DBA 1013,1914 and 1015 to produce and submit their required draft Dissertation Research Proposal/Plan.

The completion of the ABMTC DBA program requires approximately 36 credit hours of specific business area didactic coursework; 9 credit hours of a suite of 3 courses (DBA 1013,1014 and 1015) for completing of the embedded qualifying comprehensive exam a.k.a the dissertation research proposal/plan; and 15 credit hours for the dissertation. The didactic coursework helps the DBA student become familiar with the literature,research and theories in the business management field. The suite of 9 credit hours (taken in Term IV) helps the DBA student to develop advanced competencies in research skills, literature review skills, scholarly writing and critical thinking skills areas.

Before being admitted to DBA candidacy and the writing of the dissertation, the DBA students must complete the following:

a. Completion of the required 15 courses/45 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 with all courses passed with at least a grade of "C" or higher;

b. Within the 45 credit hours, the last 9 credit hours are focused on Completing the embedded qualifying comprehensive exam a.k.a the dissertation research proposal/plan in which the DBA student:

1 synthesizes and applies business theory and theoretical concepts;

2.reviews and uses Scholarly business literature; and

3.understands and applies statistical and related tools and methodologies in scholarly research writing.

The purpose of the qualifying comprehensive exam a.k.a the dissertation research proposal/plan is to directly assess the DBA student's preparedness to design, implement, analyze and report, and to do independent and scholarly dissertation research.

The qualifying comprehensive exam a.k.a the dissertation research proposal/plan is designed to challenge the DBA student to step back from the special deliverables expected in the 12 didactic courses and to reflect critically on his/her abilities to synthesis, integrate, apply and use of his/her knowledge, skills and experiences across significant topics in his/her academic discipline of business management.

The DBA qualifying comprehensive exam a.k.a the dissertation research proposal/plan is to be produced in the 9 credit hour suite of DBA interlocking courses--1013, 1014 and 1015 which are taken by TERM IV students. This suite of 3 DBA courses which focuses on such areas as the research topic and proposal; literature review; qualitative, quantitative and mixed research methods; case methodology; statistical tools and techniques; etc...will serve as the foundation for producing the dissertation research proposal/plan. Please refer to the online ABMTC Dissertation Handbook for details for developing, refining and formulating your research topic and for outlining your dissertation research proposal/plan. Successful completion of the qualifying comprehensive exam a.k.a.the dissertation research proposal/plan signals the DBA student's transition to DBA candidacy and is a significant achievement.

In summary, the topics and contents of these three interlocking suites of courses - - DBA 1013, 1014 and 1015 provide our students with the fundamentals and in-depth knowledge of research methodology, literature review, research and scholarly writing skills to produce their dissertation research proposal/plan. The Term 4 students are strongly urged to readily use these three courses, the topics and contents covered and the expertise of their professors to draft their dissertation research proposal/plan by sufficiently and succinctly adhering to and following the required eight(8) elements of the ABMTC's STRUCTURE of DISSERTATION RESEARCH January 25th, 2020 PROPOSAL/PLAN as delineated in ABMTC Doctoral Dissertation Handbook (Section 3.5.1) and in The Dissertation Process Guide(Milestone One: Prerequisites).

In the online posted January 25th, 2020 Session for DBA Term IV Student PPT presentation, our students were informed that to be admitted to DBA candidacy and the writing of their dissertation manuscript, they must have a CGPA of 3.0 and should have completed and submitted an acceptable dissertation research

proposal/plan (qualifying comprehensive exam)...Again, a copy of the above referenced PPT presentation, ABMTC Doctoral Handbook, and Dissertation Process Guide are posted online at ABMTC.

Aloha and here's wishing you all the best in your educational endeavors at ABMTC.