Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program
Preliminary Examination—Part A

Student Name:_______________________ Average Score:_________
Date:______________________________

Exam Result: (circle) Pass with honors    Pass    Option to Retake    Fail

Committee Members:

Name:__________________________ Signature:_________________________
Prelim A Score:________
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Prelim A Requirements:

This examination consists of written and oral examinations that are used to access a student’s background knowledge as well as comprehension of more advanced topics covered in graduate courses or by independent study. The written and oral examinations will be completed within a two week period. The written examination is open book with access to library and internet materials and will be composed of questions submitted by the student’s graduate committee that are channeled through the student's major professor. The student has one week to answer all questions. The written answers will be distributed to all members of the student’s committee by the major professor. The written examination will be followed one week after the answers are submitted with an oral examination where the committee meets to question the student regarding the written answers and related subjects. Exploring the ability of the student to reason, evaluate data of others, or construct experiments to test hypotheses are appropriate lines of questioning. At this meeting, the committee members will discuss the student’s responses and individually grade the overall student performance on a scale of 1 to 10 noting the reasons for the scores given. The scores will be averaged by the major professor and judged as follows:

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<th>Average Total Score</th>
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<td>9 or more</td>
<td>Pass with honors</td>
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<td>At least 7 but less</td>
<td>Pass</td>
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<td>At least 4 but less</td>
<td>Does not pass but has option to retake</td>
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<td>Less than 4</td>
<td>Fail—No option to retake</td>
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Exam results and the graduate committee’s reasons for these results will be conveyed to the student by the major professor and the signed prelim A form submitted to the Graduate Coordinator. Students scoring less than 4 will not be permitted to continue in the Comparative Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program. If a student receives the “option to retake” score, the prelim A should be rescheduled within a semester. Students scoring less than 7 on the retake will not be permitted to continue in the graduate program.