

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES GRADUATE PROGRAMS
HDFS MASTER'S SPECIALIZATION**

CANDIDACY EXAMINATION AND ANNUAL EVALUATIONS

The candidacy committee, chaired by your academic advisor, serves until you have passed the candidacy examination. **This is not actually an exam but a formal meeting with the committee,** which is held during the second semester (or after the completion of 9-12 hours of coursework). A week prior to this time, the candidacy committee, which you have formed, should have received all the completed materials discussed on page 4 and 5.

During the candidacy examination, the committee will review these documents along with your proposed plan of study and other related issues. The committee will then make a recommendation regarding your continuation in the program (to the departmental Graduate Faculty) and will forward the materials to the HDFS Graduate Program Director as soon as possible. A period of at least four months must elapse between admission to candidacy and graduation. Failure to have all paperwork in place in a timely manner may result in delay of graduation.

ANNUAL EVALUATION

All students will also receive written evaluations of their progress in the program each year.