Students not completing a thesis are required to complete ONE of the following for a M.A. in Communicative Disorders:

1) On-Campus Comprehensive Examination
2) Take-Home Comprehensive Examination
3) Student Presentation
4) Student Project

OPTIONS DESCRIPTION:

On-Campus Comprehensive Examination
- Student takes a comprehensive examination covering all graduate coursework.
- Examination contains comprehensive questions from each of the following categories: Motor Speech/Dysphagia, Adult Language, Child Language, Phonology, and Autism.
- Examination is completed on-campus across two separate days, as follows:
  - Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Please see below for examination dates.

Take-Home Comprehensive Examination
- Student takes a comprehensive examination covering all graduate coursework.
- Examination contains comprehensive questions from each of the following categories: Motor Speech/Dysphagia, Adult Language, Child Language, Phonology, and Autism.
- Examination is completed at home as follows:
  - Student picks up examination questions on Friday morning and returns responses the following Monday morning by 9:00 a.m. Please see below for examinations dates.

A Student Presentation
- Student selects a Presentation Advisor and a topic of interest (approved by his/her Presentation Advisor)
- Student develops a comprehensive presentation on the chosen topic.
  - Guidelines for nature and extent of this presentation will be established by the student’s Presentation Advisor; however, it is expected that this presentation will be comprehensive in nature and thoroughly explore a given topic.
  - Please ask your Presentation Advisor for examples of past presentation topics.
- Student presents this presentation (including any supporting documentation) in an open forum to his/her Presentation Advisor, Department Faculty and interested CD students. Please see below for presentation dates.
- NOTE: Two or three students can complete a presentation together, but only with the approval of their Presentation Advisor. All students completing a presentation together must graduate during the same semester, no exceptions.

A Student Project
- Student selects a Project Advisor and a topic of interest (approved by his/her Project Advisor)
- Student creates a comprehensive project on the chosen topic.
  - Guidelines for nature and extent of this project will be established by the student’s Project Advisor; however, it is expected that this project will be comprehensive in nature and thoroughly explore a given topic.
  - Please ask your Project Advisor for examples of past project topics.
- Students submit this project to the Project Advisor (including all written documentation) for approval. Please see below for project due dates.
- NOTE: Two or three students can complete a project together, but only with the approval of their Project Advisor. All students completing a presentation together must graduate during the same semester, no exceptions.
SIGN-UP REQUIREMENTS:
You must petition for one of the above options the semester before graduation.
- Fall Graduates: Students must petition by April 1st, the semester before graduation.
- Spring Graduates: Students must petition by November 1st, the semester before graduation

For projects and presentations:
- Select a Project/Presentation Advisor.
- Hold a meeting with your Project/Presentation Advisor to discuss a possible topic.
- Submit a proposal to your Project/Presentation Advisor for his/her approval and signature.
  Note: Each Advisor will have different requirements for this proposal. Please discuss these requirements with your Project/Presentation Advisor prior to submitting a proposal for his/her approval and signature.
- Obtain a Petition for Comprehensive Examination from the Department Administrator.
- Submit a completed Petition for Comprehensive Examination form AND a signed Project/Presentation proposal to the Graduate Advisor before the due dates outlined above.

For comprehensive examinations (take-home and on-campus):
- Obtain a Petition for Comprehensive Examination from the Department Administrator.
- Submit a completed Petition for Comprehensive Examination form to the Graduate Advisor before the due dates outlined above.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS:
For all of the above options, you must enroll in 1 unit of CD695 the semester of graduation. You must complete your project, presentation or examination in the semester you are enrolled in CD695.

DUE DATES:
Each of the above comprehensive options is due the semester in which you graduate.

For students completing a project, the project is due as follows:
- Fall Graduation: November 1st
- Spring Graduation: April 1st

For students completing a presentation, the presentation is due:
- Fall Graduation: First week in November
- Spring Graduation: First week in April
  Note: The exact day and time of presentation to be approved by your Presentation Advisor.

For students completing a comprehensive examination (take-home or on-campus), the examination will be given as follows:
- Fall Graduation: First week in November
- Spring Graduation: First week in April.
  Note: See above for specifics of take-home versus on-campus examination administration