

Appendix A

Exit Interview for Graduate Students¹

The following questions will be asked of our graduate students immediately prior to graduation. Students will be interviewed in small groups.

1. Which of your undergraduate areas of study or learning experiences do you feel most prepared you for graduate school?
2. Which of your graduate areas of study or learning experiences prepared you most for your internship, externship, or student teaching?
3. For which areas of your field do you feel most prepared?
4. What areas of your field do you feel you are lacking skills?
5. List what you feel are the most valuable learning experiences in your undergraduate and graduate education.
6. Which areas of study and learning experiences best prepared you to communicate with parents, professionals, and pupils?
7. What type of setting are you planning to work in now that you have completed the program?
8. Which of the following culminating experiences did you choose: comprehensive examination, thesis, or project?
 - a. Why did you choose to do [the selected experience]?
 - b. What would have been helpful for you to have known before doing [the selected experience]?
 - c. How did it benefit you to do [the selected experience]?
 - d. Would you make the same choice now? Why or why not?
9. Are you planning to pursue a doctoral degree? If “yes,” in what area of specialization?

¹To be administered in the final weeks of their last semester.