

**Preliminary Examination Assessment Rubric  
Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture**

Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of thesis: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

For each learning outcome below, choose the score, based on **whole number ratings from 5 to 1, with 5 = Mastery (excellent), 3 = Developing (competent), and 1 = Minimal (poor)**, which best represents the overall level demonstrated by the student in their written and oral preliminary examination.

|  | <i>Rating</i> |
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| 1. Demonstrates comprehensive understanding of the primary literature relevant to the discipline.  |               |
| 2. Demonstrates ability to synthesize knowledge from courses and primary literature, and apply this knowledge to a novel problem or question.            |               |
| 3. Demonstrates ability to apply the principles and technical knowledge of horticultural science and related disciplines to a novel problem or question. |               |
| 4. Demonstrates a broad understanding of the scientific principles of related disciplines relevant to horticulture.                                      |               |
| 5. Demonstrates comprehensive understanding of the scientific problems, principles, and methodologies related horticultural science.                     |               |

Comments:

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