

## **Leadership and Policy Studies Comprehensive Exam Part 2: Theory Question**

### **Your Question**

Define and analyze the critical concepts of a theory (adult learning theory, student development theory, leadership theory, etc.) from your coursework – or closely related field. How can this theory provide a framework for your dissertation research?

Be sure to include the following in the description and analysis of your theory:

Overview

History, including foundational scholars

Key characteristics

Definitions of key terms

Strengths and weaknesses

Applications of the theory to education and other relevant fields

How can this theory provide a framework for your dissertation research?

### **How You Will Be Evaluated**

This question will be evaluated based on the following five criteria:

1. Identification of a theory
2. Comprehensive description and analysis of your chosen theory
3. Thorough and clear explanation of how the theory provides a framework for your dissertation research
4. Conclusions and recommendations
5. Writing, use of APA, and references

### **Scoring**

Exceeds Expectations:

Meets Expectations:

Fails to Meet Expectations:

### **Scope**

This exam question should range from between 15-20 double-spaced pages, inclusive of references.