PhD Comprehensive Requirement

SGS regulations state the comprehensive examination will be completed between the 12th and 20th month after the student began doctoral-level work.

I strongly recommend that you discuss your comp plans with your supervisor and supervisory committee members within 12 months of starting your PhD. That will give you time to arrive on a topic and begin formulating a big question to address.

Your comps will take 6-8 weeks to complete. Please be sure to give yourself lots of time to read the comp regulations. You should have the committee and topic selected and approved within 16 months. This will give you a bit of flexibility for scheduling your time to write the comp and to interact with your committee members as well as time to schedule the oral defense date.

Here is The Comprehensives Evaluation Form.

One more thing -- please pay attention to the make-up of your comprehensive committee. It will have:
- your supervisor
- one member from your supervisory committee
- two additional professors from the MiNDS program

When you are ready to begin, fill in all of your comp details (members, topic etc) at this link http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TTWNG7M and let Sandra know that you have filled it in. Your committee and topic will need to be approved before you begin, so this is important.

Share all of this information with your supervisor. This simple set of steps can alleviate a lot of stress and confusion.