

Students overall performance in the Graduate Certificate Program in Technical Writing and Public Rhetorics is assessed via the exiting portfolio exam. After completing all coursework, each student must put together a portfolio of texts generated during his or her time in the program. The four portfolio texts should represent professional-quality work and be ready for use in a professional setting. The initial contributions are edited in coordination with the committee chair, and then the final documents are shared with the three-person faculty committee. If the committee agrees that the quality is professional and polished, the student passes. If the committee deems the work unsatisfactory, the student must revise the work and resubmit at a later date. Without completion of the portfolio, a student is unable to graduate with the certificate.