PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND EDITING GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (COMM)

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Admissions & Policies

Admissions
Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions.

Policies
For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

Concentration in Professional and Technical Writing
This concentration in the graduate certificate in professional writing and editing may be pursued concurrently with any of several programs in English and elsewhere. Part of the coursework toward the concentration may be applied to those degrees with the approval of the director of the degree program. Students pursuing the certificate in professional and technical writing and editing must complete 18 credits of English graduate courses with a minimum grade of 3.00 in each course.

Concentration in Science Communication
All course choices included in this concentration must be approved by the Department of Communication. Students pursuing the graduate certificate in professional writing and editing with a concentration in science communication must complete 15 credits.

Requirements

Certificate Requirements
Total credits: 15 or 18

This certificate may be pursued on a full- or part-time basis.

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Students pursuing this graduate certificate must choose either a concentration in professional and technical writing or a concentration in science communication.

Concentration in Professional and Technical Writing (PTW)
This concentration in the graduate certificate in professional writing and editing may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

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<td>ENGH 501</td>
<td>Introduction to Professional Writing and Rhetoric</td>
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<td>ENGH 502</td>
<td>Research Methods in Rhetoric and Professional Writing</td>
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<td>ENGH 503</td>
<td>Theory and Practice of Editing</td>
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<td>ENGH 505</td>
<td>Document Design</td>
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1 ENGH 501 Introduction to Professional Writing and Rhetoric should be taken in the first semester of study, if possible.

Emphasis in Technical Writing or Proposal Writing
Take courses from one of the following emphases: 6

Technical Writing Emphasis
- ENGH 613 Technical Communication
- Select one elective ENGH course (3 credits) chosen in consultation with an advisor

Proposal Writing Emphasis
- ENGH 509 Proposal Writing and Development
- ENGH 689 Advanced Proposal Writing

Total Credits 6

Concentration in Science Communication (SCMN)
This concentration in the graduate certificate in professional writing and editing may be pursued on a full- or part-time basis.

Core Courses
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<td>COMM 639</td>
<td>Science Communication</td>
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<td>COMM 641</td>
<td>Advanced Communication Skills for STEM</td>
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<td>COMM 640</td>
<td>Controversies in Science Communication</td>
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<td>Science and the Public</td>
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<td>Analysis and Criticism of Science Journalism</td>
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<td>COMM 660</td>
<td>Climate Change and Sustainability</td>
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<td>COMM 735</td>
<td>Crisis Communication</td>
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<td>Two courses in STEM, Health Sciences, or Science Policy</td>
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These courses should be chosen from any STEM, health sciences, or science policy discipline. Both courses must be from the same discipline and must be graduate level. Choices must be approved by the program director. Students should select from 500- or 600-level courses offered by COS, CHHS, Schar, or CEHD.