



# Technical and Professional Writing MA Assessment Plan

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# Learning Outcomes Review

- We reviewed the three learning objectives currently shared by TPW and Comp/Rhet for the MA in Writing degree
- We created three new learning objectives specific to students in the TPW track



# Data Discussed

- Current assessments
  - Degree Paper/Thesis
  - Written Comprehensive Exam
  - Oral Comprehensive Exam (portfolio)
- Internship Requirement
- Individual Course Assignments



# Conclusions Reached

- We need to align our MA Learning Objectives to our current or desired assessments
- Each assessment should assess at least one learning objective and all learning objectives should be covered by our current or desired assessment methods



# Item(s) Chosen for Action

1. Create new learning objectives specific for TPW MA students - COMPLETE
2. Review current assessment methods - COMPLETE
3. Map desired assessment methods to current and new learning objectives - COMPLETE



# Follow-up Plans & Next Steps

- Determine if changes to current assessment methods require outside approval (graduate committee, program committee, graduate college, department, etc.)
- After approval, publish and implement changes to assessment for TPW MA students
- Apply for MSU Assessment Grant to create an assignment sheet and rubric for the comprehensive portfolio assessment



# Items that Need Action at Higher Levels than the Department

- MSU Assessment Grant