

Assessment Memo: Qualifying Exam

The Qualifying Exam is administered to students pursuing a PhD in the department according to the format and criteria listed in the Graduate Handbook. Usually, this consists of an exam with both written and oral components. After the Guidance and Evaluation (G&E) Committee has discussed and evaluated student performance on the exam, the Committee Chair should complete this Assessment Memo, send it to the Graduate Program Manager, and copy the student and the other committee members.

The criteria being assessed are:

- (a) the student demonstrated sufficient breadth in their geologic knowledge, at a level appropriate for teaching introductory undergraduate coursework in geoscience
- (b) the student demonstrated sufficient depth in their area of speciality to be able to continue research effectively
- (c) the student demonstrated an ability to reason and solve problems

Evaluation

Qualifying Examination Date(s):

Graduate Student Name:

G&E Committee Members:

Results

Pass

Conditional Pass (enter details below)*

Program Track Change (enter details below)**

Non-continuation (not making satisfactory progress - enter details below)**

*Conditional Pass - provide a description of actions that must be completed before the Qualifying Exam is considered passed and a required due date

**Program Track Change and Non-continuation (not making satisfactory progress), provide a description documenting the G&E Committee's reasoning