

Deadline for fall entry: February 1st
Deadline for spring entry: September 15th



Weldon School of
Biomedical Engineering

PhD Qualifying Exam Registration Form

Student Name: _____
Last First

Topic of Qualifying Exam:

Committee Chair: _____

Two Additional Committee Members (*Please list each committee member's name and primary research area*):

Name: _____ Primary Research Area: _____

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REQUIRED: By checking this box, I attest that both additional committee members have already agreed to be on my committee.

*This committee will also be your plan of study committee. **There should only be 3 members on this committee.***

Completing Qualifying Exam this semester

Delaying Qualifying Exam one semester (not summer)

NOTE: If you are delaying the qualifying exam, you must still hold a mentoring committee meeting by May 15th.

If you are delaying the qualifying exam, please provide a brief rationale (2-3 sentences):

Date of Mentoring Meeting and/or Qualifying Exam (must occur by May 15th)—*please attach room reservation*: _____

Responsibilities of the Student for Qualification Preparation

The written part of the qualifying exam is to be completed by the student and is the sole responsibility of the student. Explicitly, the student preparation of the written portion of the exam will include the assembly of the pertinent references, beyond the five (5) core papers chosen with the advisor, the reading and interpretation of the papers, the organization, the formulation of a concluding gap statement, research question and hypothesis, and written presentation of the document. The student may seek outside assistance for editorial purposes only, e.g. the Purdue writing lab or review by peers (not committee members). **The general concept laid out in the report should not simply be an incremental improvement over a past MS thesis, dissertations of other lab members, or grant proposals written by the advisor.**

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To the best of my abilities, the information presented on this form is accurate. In addition, I have read, understood, and will follow the guidelines as outlined in the statement of student responsibilities while completing this portion of the qualifying exam.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Responsibilities of the Major Professor (Advisor/Mentor) for Qualification Preparation

The submitted qualifying exam document is written, organized, and prepared in its entirety by the student; the written exam is part of the Ph.D. qualifying process in BME and is not a written document for publication. Aside from the selection of the topic and the five (5) core papers, the research advisor (major professor) plays a minimal role in this process. The advisor may address general questions from the student concerning the scope and content of the document and encourage the student to avoid certain topics or aspects. The advisor should not help organize the content of the document or help construct the concluding gap statement, research question, and hypothesis.

Printed Name of Major Professor: _____

Major Professor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Co-Advisor Name (if applicable): _____

Co-Advisor Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____