Writing Sample Guidelines – PhD Students Only

The writing sample can be an academic paper from a graduate school course that you have taken in the past 10 years. If you have been out of graduate school for more than 10 years, you should submit a professional writing sample, which could include curriculum, white papers, research reports, editorials, or blog posts; this professional writing sample should be something you wrote in the past 10 years. If the writing sample is co-authored, discuss your specific contribution to the writing.

If you do not have either an academic or professional writing sample, contact the PhD Program Director, Dr. Brooke Wells (bewells@widener.edu), to determine if an alternate writing sample would be appropriate for the PhD program application.