

Let's put your learning and practice into the MGN Certification Portfolio!

When you submit a portfolio you qualify to receive a mailed printed certificate along with detailed feedback of your work.

Please note that there is no extension on portfolio submissions beyond the deadline. You will have to wait for the next time to enter your portfolio if you miss the deadline.

This season's portfolio deadline is: January 26th, by 11:59pm ET.

To create your MGN Certification Portfolio....

1. Upload your pictures to a single Google or Word Doc or Canva Presentation
2. Label your pictures
3. Download & save that doc as *one* PDF ([here's a quick how-to](#))
4. Email the **ONE** PDF attachment to paola@paolaponcenails.com.
5. Type "MGN Portfolio" in the Subject Line of your email
6. In the body of your email include the name you used to enroll, and your Instagram handle, if you have one. Then attach your portfolio PDF file.
7. [Here's a winning example of a previous Portfolio Submission](#) for reference, [and another one](#). (Note: These portfolio's assignment requirements may be different than this year's. Follow this season's requirements).
8. You will receive detailed feedback for your portfolio submission, where necessary, a few days after submission.

For your recreations:

- Use a real finger for all of your assignments
- No more than 3 images per page. Big close-up images please .
- Make sure your images are "close-up" shots to capture all the detail.
(Natural light from a window, or taking your pictures outside 1-2 hrs before dark provides for the best natural lighting.)

Point deductions can occur for hard to view images, disorganized pictures, or late submissions.

Below you'll find details on what assignments you'll be recreating for grading.

Example of picture angles: Top, Side, Barrel Angles



To determine the natural length of a nail, review page 24 in your MGN Textbook.

<i>ASSIGNMENT</i>	<i>GRADING CRITERIA</i>	<i>PICTURE ANGLES</i>
<i>All demos are worth 3 points.</i>	<i>What I'm looking for...</i>	<i>Close-Up, Big Images</i>
Product Kit	One picture of your product kit (all the materials used for this portfolio assignment.)	One overhead shot of your materials.

<p>Nail Prep (MODULE 1)</p> 	<p>One, on natural nail</p> <p>Clean even proximal nail fold. Nail shape of choice Slight texture left on the nail plate.</p>	<p>Top</p>
<p>BUILD 0 Overlay (MODULE 2 & 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlay a short-length natural nail using the Build 0 technique • Use base or base-&-build gel • Smooth self-leveled application • Sidewall application is smooth and even • Finished in a red color gel • Specify what gel nail products you used. 	<p>Top, Side, Barrel</p>
<p>BUILD 1 Overlay (MODULE 2 & 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overlay a medium-length natural nail using the Build 1 technique • Use base-&-build gel, or builder gel over base gel • Apex is applied properly before the smile line • Smoothly self-leveled • Sidewall application is smooth and even. • Finished in a red color 	<p>Top, Side, Barrel</p>

	<p>gel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specify what gel nail products you used. 	
<p>BUILD 2 Overlay (MODULE 2 & 3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overlay a long-length natural nail using the Build 2 technique Use builder over base gel. (Your builder gel can be either hard or soft.) Apex is applied properly before the smile line Smoothly self-leveled Sidewall application is smooth and even. 	<p>Top, Side, Barrel</p>
<p>Rebalance (MODULE 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One, on a natural nail, any length Reposition the apex of the grown-out gel nail. Use base-&-build gel, or builder gel over base gel Apex is applied properly before the smile line Smoothly self-leveled Sidewall application is smooth and even. <p>*If you do not have a natural nail with grow-out, you can simulate one, by putting on an application less approx. 2 mm away from the cuticle area.</p>	<p>BEFORE PIC: Top view of grow-out</p>  <p>AND</p> <p>AFTER PIC: Top, Side, Barrel</p>