

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS

Professional Certificates

Certificates are designed to help professionals enhance their job performance and marketability in their respective fields. Several departments and programs, in addition to offering degrees, offer professional certificates upon completion of a prescribed course of study. These certificates are different from teaching certification and do not lead to teaching credentials from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Most certificates require 12-15 credits for completion, and these credits may be used towards a master's degree. Consult the individual department or program listings regarding offerings.

Student Eligibility and Admission Criteria

1. Admission criteria beyond the bachelor's degree from an accredited institution will be determined by the department and explicitly stated.
2. Each program may set admissions criteria above those required for general graduate admissions to a certificate program (e.g., higher GPA or TOEFL scores, standardized test scores, whether or not certificate courses may be counted towards a related master's degree program).