

Certificate, Residency and Badge Programs

Graduate Certificates

Students wishing to pursue a certificate may do so as a part of a degree program, or may do so in a nondegree status. Those who are already admitted to a degree program or appropriate nondegree status may declare their interest in pursuing a certificate by filling out the online Declaration of Intent to Pursue a Graduate Certificate (<https://www.wichita.edu/grad-certificate-declaration/>)¹ form. Students who have not yet been admitted can apply for admission online to either a degree program or, if the preference is to pursue the certificate only, they can apply online for the certificate through the Graduate School website (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/graduate_school/admissions/application-checklist.php)¹.

Students completing the requirements for a graduate certificate must submit the Graduate Plan of Study (paper) form and the Application for Graduate Certificate (online) form no later than the 20th day of the fall or spring semester or the 10th day of the eight-week summer term when certificate completion is anticipated.

Transfer hours and substitutions are usually not acceptable for certificate programs. Required certificate coursework previously completed at the undergraduate level must be substituted with an acceptable graduate-level course chosen in consultation with the advisor. The substituted course must be included on the plan of study with an explanation for why the substitution is being made.

The graduate plan of study is prepared in conjunction with the advisor of the graduate certificate program area and is forwarded to the dean of the Graduate School for formal review and approval. Certificate advisors are expected to inform students that a plan of study, application for graduate certificate form, and the certificate filing fee are required according to the above guidelines. Students filing to earn their certificate who also file to earn their graduate degree the same semester need to file both the application for graduate certificate and the application for degree, and if they file both at the same time, need only pay one filing fee. Students who file the forms separately pay the fee for each form.

If, after a student files an application for graduate certificate, the certificate is not completed, a new application for graduate certificate and filing fee must be filed within the time frame previously described for the semester in which the requirements for the certificate are again expected to be completed.

If a student later wishes to pursue a graduate degree program, coursework completed as a part of an earned graduate certificate can be used toward the degree program if approved by the department and Graduate School through the plan of study. The 10 year time limit will not apply to coursework from an earned graduate certificate.

A certificate within a degree program that was not applied for at the time the degree was earned can be awarded in a later term, upon student request and application. Certificates not offered when a student attended but now available can also be awarded based on past completion of coursework. All requirements for certificates, as listed in the term the certificate is awarded, must be met. Certificates cannot be awarded more than five years after the student's degree containing the certificate coursework is conferred or after the semester in which the certificate requirements were met. No coursework on the certificate plan of study can exceed the 10 year time limit.

Certificate programs are not eligible for Title IV (federal financial aid) funding unless the certificate is a requirement of the degree program. The exceptions are approved programs of at least one academic year in duration that lead to a certificate and prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation. Approved programs will be designated with disclosure information on the program web page in the applicable academic college.

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Graduate Certificates Offered

College of Applied Studies

- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Building-Level Leadership/Principal
- Child/Play Therapy
- Clinical Mental Health Counselor to School Counselor
- Functional Aging
- Instructional Design in Professional Practice
- Interdisciplinary STEM Education
- Mentoring and Coaching
- Online Learning and Educational Technology
- Professional Learning and Training
- Reading Specialist and Structured Literacy
- School Counselor to Mental Health Counselor
- Student Affairs Practitioner Wellness and Effectiveness
- Superintendency/District Leadership
- Teaching Excellence and Leadership
- Teaching in Higher Education (with the College of Engineering)

W. Frank Barton School of Business

- Advanced Business Fundamentals
- Business Analytics
- Business Fundamentals
- Commercial Real Estate Investment and Development
- Human Resource Management Decision Making
- Human Resource Management Skills
- Supply Chain Management (with the College of Engineering)

College of Engineering

- Additive Manufacturing
- Advanced Composite Materials
- Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering
- Computational Data Science
- Computer Networking
- Foundations of Six Sigma and Quality Improvement
- Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
- Lean Systems
- Nano Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Supply Chain Analytics
- Supply Chain Management (with the Barton School of Business)
- Sustainable Energy
- System Engineering and Management
- Teaching in Higher Education (with the College of Applied Studies)
- Transportation Electrification

College of Fine Arts

- Kodaly Method
- Musicology
- Professional Studies in Music Performance
- Special Music Education - Adaptive Music

College of Health Professions

- Aging Studies for Health Professionals
- Healthcare Leadership
- Public Health
- Senior Living

College of Innovation and Design

- Agile Product Management

Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- City and County Management
- Criminal Intelligence
- Economic Development
- English Literature and Composition Pedagogy
- Great Plains Studies
- Hispanic Cultural Studies
- Law Enforcement and Local Government Administration
- Mathematical Foundations of Data Analytics
- Museum Studies
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Finance
- Space Science
- Spanish for the Professions
- Urban Policy and Innovation

Post-Graduate Residency Program

The College of Health Professions offers a post-graduate residency program in advanced education in general dentistry (AEGD). The AEGD program at Wichita State University is a one-year, postdoctoral education program that offers dentists the opportunity for advanced comprehensive clinical experience. The program is designed to increase knowledge and clinical capabilities in preparation for private practice. For more information, please visit the AEGD website (https://www.wichita.edu/academics/health_professions/aegd/)¹.

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Badge Program

Wichita State University's badge program is designed with the working professional in mind so coursework is developed around professional development content and structured in smaller units. In most cases, information is organized into 0.5 credit hour classes (one 0.5 credit hour class equates to one badge) which also makes the workload manageable for someone who works a full-time job. While some badges may be offered in a classroom setting, most are offered online. Enrollment in some badge courses is restricted to nondegree seeking students; the credit may be applied towards elective requirements for a degree should the student enter a WSU degree program. Degree-bound students can enroll in certain badge courses that will provide them with additional workplace skills that are in demand by employers; this badge credit can apply toward elective requirements only. A badge cannot be offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit. All badges numbered in the 700's will be restricted to graduate level credit only.

Badges are credit courses that comply with the definition and assignment of credit hour policy and appear on a transcript indicating

that academic work has been successfully completed. Students receive a grade of either *Bg* (badge earned) or *NBg* (no badge earned) when the class ends.

Important note for graduate students: Badge credits may only be applied as electives toward a graduate degree if the badge(s) was earned as a part of a graduate nondegree program and has been stacked into a specific course; or the badge(s) is rolled into an earned certificate; and the graduate program and Graduate School approve the use of badge credit(s) via the plan of study. All graduate rules with respect to coursework will apply to the badges (e.g. time limits; nonletter graded coursework limits).

For more information visit the Office for Workforce, Professional and Community Education website (<http://wichita.edu/badges/>)¹.

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