Graduate Certificates

Academic Certificate Policies

A graduate certificate program can be completed either independently or along with a degree program and comprises 12 to 21 credits. Admission to a certificate program prior to enrollment in specified certificate courses may be required. Students must be admitted to the certificate program in order to be awarded the certificate.

With approval from the certificate program, up to 6 of the required credits for a graduate certificate can be transferred from a different institution or can be previously or simultaneously applied to another WVU graduate degree or certificate program. Courses applied to a certificate must have been completed no more than eight years prior to certificate conferral as stated in the Time Limits section on the Degree Regulations page.

See information on Graduate Multiple Curricula on the Academic Definitions tab for rules concerning the application of credits from a completed certificate to a subsequent WVU degree.