3. Graduate Certificate Student

WSU offers graduate certificate programs in several areas. Formal graduate certificates convey that students have developed mastery of course material. Graduate certificate programs are open to currently enrolled graduate students, as well as prospective students, who meet admission requirements. Students on academic probation and students suspended from the university for any reason are not eligible to enroll in certificate courses. Prospective certificate program students (those students not currently enrolled in a graduate program at WSU) who wish to pursue a graduate certificate must apply online prior to enrollment in their first course, pay a non-refundable application fee, and indicate their interest in a specific certificate program listed on the application.

To qualify as a part-time certificate student (NADC classification), a prospective student must:

- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited post-secondary institution.
- Meet all course prerequisites or be able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge and understanding for courses prior to enrollment.
- Meet all program admission requirements for the certificate program.
- Be admitted, upon recommendation from the academic unit, to the Graduate School as a certificate student. Once admitted as a part-time graduate certificate student, the student can take graduate certificate courses or graduate courses but must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
- Pay all graduate tuition and fees for the courses in which the student enrolls. Enrollment is on a space-available basis.
- In most cases, certificate programs are designed for part-time study without formal admission to a degree program. Therefore, international students in the US on student visas are not eligible to enroll solely in part-time certificate courses.
- Be currently enrolled when they submit their Application for Graduation for a Graduate Certificate. Application should be made during the semester in which they are completing their final certificate course(s) requirements.

Admission Requirements for Currently Enrolled Graduate Students: Currently enrolled degree-seeking graduate students (domestic and international) are eligible to concurrently enroll in a graduate certificate program. The student must fulfill all certificate requirements and complete the Application for Graduation for Graduate Certificate located on the Graduate School's website. Students must be currently enrolled to apply for a graduate certificate.