HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (COLLEGE OF NURSING)

The Health Professional Education certificate is designed to provide health professionals with additional preparation in educational principles and theory to support them in their roles as educators of students and staff in the health professions as well as in the role of patient educator. This program is open to students simultaneously enrolled in a graduate degree program, as well as to health professionals who have completed a baccalaureate, master’s, or doctoral degree. The certificate program is a collaborative program between the College of Health Sciences and Schools of Nursing and Education, and is coordinated through the College of Nursing.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines
Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/).

Application

• Students wishing to obtain this certificate must declare their intention by applying to the program office or director.
• All graduate certificate applicants—even those already enrolled in a UWM graduate program—must apply to the Graduate School through the Panthera Admission Application (https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu/).
• Graduate degree and previously admitted graduate non-degree students who decide to pursue a certificate program must submit the Panthera application before completing 6 credits in the certificate sequence.
• Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Admission

Applicants are admitted to the certificate program in one of three categories: post-baccalaureate, current student in a UWM graduate health profession program, or post-graduate student.

1. Post-baccalaureate students must have completed a bachelor’s degree in a health profession discipline with a grade point average of 2.75 or above (4.0 scale) and not be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at UWM.
2. The admission requirements of the health professional educational certificate for students enrolled in good standing in a UWM graduate health profession program are consistent with those requirements specified by the program.
3. Post-graduate students must have completed a graduate degree in a health profession or related discipline with a grade point average of 3.0 or above (4.0 scale).

Credits and Courses

The completion of 15 credit hours (5 courses) is required for the certificate program.

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Curriculum/Program Planning & Evaluation Courses 3

Select one of the following:

- AD LDSP 667  Program Planning in Adult Education
- AD LDSP 607  Coordination of Staff Development and Training Program
- AD LDSP 647  Evaluation of Adult, Continuing, and Higher Education Programs
- NURS 752  Curriculum Development in Nursing Education

Teaching/Instructional Strategies 3

Select one of the following:

- AD LDSP 687  Instructional Design and Teaching Strategies
- AD LDSP 707  Using Technology With Adult Learners
- AD LDSP 827  Seminar in Adult and Organizational Learning
- NURS 705  Instructional Strategies for Patient Education

Elective Courses 3

Select one additional course from the above or from the following:

- AD LDSP 867  Seminar in Continuing Education in the Professions
- AD LDSP 787  Administration of Adult Education Programs
- AD LDSP 547  The Educational Dimensions of Practice with Older Adults
- NURS 764  Changing Health Behaviors
- CURRINS 774  College Teaching
- NURS 751  Teaching in Practice Disciplines

Total Credits 18

A current listing of courses that meet these requirements can be obtained from the College of Health Sciences or the College of Nursing. Students will need to maintain a 3.0 GPA and meet all other requirements of the Graduate School for continuation in the program. The Practicum and Seminar in Health Professional Education is the last course taken in the certificate program.

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credit

No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.
Grade Point Average Requirement
A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs
1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
   • Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.
   • All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
   • Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit
Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

• 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
• 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.