

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (SCHOOL 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 Professions and Sciences and Schools of Nursing and Education, and is coordinated through the School 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 into 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.

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
AD LDSP 757	Principles and Foundations of Adult Education	3
NURS 731	Practicum and Seminar in Health Professional Education	3
Curriculum/Program Planning & Evaluation Courses		
Select one of the following:		3
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		
Select one of the following:		3
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		
Select one additional course from the above or from the following:		3
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		15

A current listing of courses that meet these requirements can be obtained from the College of Health Professions and Sciences or the School 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.