

# Certificate in University Teaching

## Certificate Overview

This fifteen-credit hour program helps prepare graduate students for teaching at the college or university level. It draws on university-wide resources to provide knowledge and experience in pedagogy. Together, the program components develop students' ability to design and teach their own courses while implementing effective instructional techniques. These include the alignment of learning outcomes, assessments, and activities to meet the needs of all learners. The Certificate helps students stand out in the academic job market and demonstrate their commitment to professional growth and excellence in teaching.

## Learning Outcomes

You will be able to:

- Apply principles and theories of learning to your teaching
- Explain diversity issues in higher education
- Assess the needs of diverse learners and develop strategies to meet them
- Design a course with appropriate learning outcomes, assessment methods, instructional strategies, and course materials
- Integrate learning technologies effectively to meet learning goals
- Develop and apply appropriate active-learning and assessment techniques to meet specific course objectives
- Document effective teaching through a professional teaching portfolio.

## The Certificate has five major requirements:

1. A pedagogy course
2. A diversity course
3. An instructional excellence course
4. Teaching practicum course (student must arrange for a course to teach)
5. Teaching capstone course

\*Note: This certificate is **not** a state certification for K-12 teaching.

## Eligibility and Deadlines

You must be currently enrolled in a graduate program and in good standing (meeting the minimum GPA for your graduate program). You may apply to enter the program at any time. To be considered for the Certificate, complete the following:

- Online application: <http://bit.ly/2AwlOej>
- A CV or resume
- An email from your advisor approving you to pursue the Certificate

You will receive a printed Certificate upon graduation and indication of completion will also appear on your transcript. *You will need to apply to graduate from the Certificate!*

## Certificate Requirements

Requirement	Credits	Courses
Pedagogy Course	3 credits	C&I 789 Teaching in Higher Education, GRAD 710 Scholarly Teaching <b>OR</b> departmental pedagogy courses
Diversity Course	3 credits	
Teaching Practicum <i>Student must arrange for a course to teach</i>	3 credits	You must teach two different lab courses <b>OR</b> teach one course as the primary instructor.  You will only earn credit for your teaching if you are enrolled in your departmental teaching practicum course <b>OR</b> GRAD 690 Teaching Practicum.
Instructional Excellence Course	3 credits	Can take a combination of credit hour options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 3-credit hour course</li> <li>• A 2-credit and 1-credit hour course</li> <li>• Three 1-credit hour courses</li> </ul>
Capstone Course	3 credits	GRAD 685 Teaching Capstone
<i>Potentially</i> , a maximum of 6 credit hours from your Master's or PhD coursework can be counted towards this Certificate.		

If departments wish to add a course to the list, please contact Dr. Amy Kuhn at [Amy.Kuhn@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Amy.Kuhn@mail.wvu.edu) or 304-293-5824. [Click here for detailed course information.](#)

