

CURRY COLLEGE

DIVISION OF CONTINUING AND GRADUATE STUDIES

Frequently Asked Questions about Undergraduate Certificates

Are there any Admission Requirements for a Certificate Program?

There are no requirements for admission to an undergraduate certificate program through Continuing Education. Some certificate students have never attended college before; others have already earned a college degree. You should file a "Certificate Declaration Form", which is available from the web site or at the Continuing Education Office.

Is it possible to earn both a Degree and a Certificate?

Yes, you may do both. Please file an admission application for the degree program. There is a place on the application to indicate that you wish to also pursue a certificate.

Can I qualify for Financial Aid if I pursue a Certificate?

No, to apply for financial aid you must be a degree candidate. A certificate is not considered a degree. However, there are alternative forms of loans that are available to certificate students. Please consult with an Academic Advisor for more information.

Will the certificate credits count toward degree requirements?

Yes, in most cases the certificate courses can count towards both sets of requirements. To be sure, please consult with an academic advisor, who will prepare an Ed Plan for both the degree and the certificate.

How long will it take me to earn a Certificate?

Each certificate requires completion of 6 courses. Many students take one course per 8-week term. At a pace of one course per 8-week term, this means it would take approximately four semesters, or slightly longer than a calendar year. In some cases, if the course schedule permits and you are able to take a heavier course load, you may proceed more quickly to certificate completion.

How do I receive a Certificate when I am done?

When you have completed all course requirements or are enrolled in your final course, you must file a "Certificate Completion Form". This form is available at the Continuing Education Office or on the MyCurry web portal. Once received, assuming all grades have been posted, it takes approximately three weeks for us to process your form, prepare a certificate, and mail it to you.

Will the Certificate be noted on my transcript?

No, it is not noted on your transcript. You should save your Certificate as proof of program completion. You may list the certificate on your resume. If an employer asks for validation, they may contact us and we will verify that you have completed the certificate program.

Do you have additional questions? Please don't hesitate to call an Academic Advisor.