



Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Programs Criteria for Review

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Westmont College will offer a judicious selection of post-baccalaureate certificates. These are designed to provide intellectual enrichment and the development of skills and aptitudes. Certificates are not majors or degrees, and are usually completed in less than a year and consist of 3-6 modules or courses. Certificates must be consistent with the mission of the college. A certificate indicates that the student has successfully achieved the objectives of the program.

Certificates need to be approved by the Academic Senate and should meet the following criteria:

- Each course or module must have the academic rigor of upper-division curricula.
- Each course or module must have 1-3 distinct learning objectives and a means of measuring students' achievement of those objectives.
- Each program must reflect and draw upon the liberal arts heritage of the college, primarily in its emphasis on interdisciplinary study, civil discourse, and critical thinking.
- Each program must engage students in thinking about the relationship of Christian thought and practice to the subjects of the certificate.
- Each course or module must be taught by a Westmont faculty member, either an approved adjunct or a full-time faculty member.

The Academic Senate will reserve the right to ask particular academic departments to review and approve courses or modules that fit into their disciplinary scope.