

# PREVENTION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND STABILIZATION CONTEXTS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

**Banner Code:** CA-CERG-CARP

This 15-credit program is specifically tailored to provide students with practical knowledge of conflict analysis and resolution relevant to their focused areas of work. Designed for midcareer professionals studying in a cohort environment, the certificate programs integrate conflict analysis and resolution theory, research, and practical technique. These programs use intensive course sessions, lecture, seminar, and applied mentored learning in real and simulated situations to prepare students to use conflict analysis and resolution approaches in their work in a variety of fields. The Prevention, Reconstruction, and Stabilization Contexts Graduate Certificate augments development, defense, security, or humanitarian aid work experience with the theories and skills of conflict analysis and resolution for designing, implementing, and evaluating conflict-sensitive initiatives internationally in areas of potential violence and post-conflict reconstruction and stabilization. Considers cross-sectoral approaches to long-term violence prevention and constructive conflict resolution.

The graduate certificate in prevention, reconstruction and stabilization contexts may only be pursued on a part-time basis, unless a student is concurrently enrolled in another degree program or takes additional courses over those required for the certificate program.

## Admissions & Policies

### Admissions

#### Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in Graduate Admissions. Applicants to this certificate must submit an undergraduate transcript showing completion of an undergraduate degree or equivalent, a cover letter specifying interest in the program, two letters of recommendation, and a curriculum vitae or résumé indicating relevant work experience.

In addition, prior work experience in areas related to the chosen graduate certificate is desirable. GRE or other standardized test scores are not required but may be submitted. The TOEFL is required of international students. For more information, see Admission of International Students.

### Policies

#### Class Schedule

Please note that some classes for this graduate certificate are offered only in Saturday and Sunday sessions. Please check the Schedule of Classes for each term to identify course meeting dates, and specific add/drop dates for these partial semester courses.

## Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15

### Required Courses

CONF 502	Intensive Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution (fall and spring) <sup>1</sup>	3
CONF 652	Conflict Analysis and Resolution for Prevention, Reconstruction, and Stabilization Contexts (fall)	3
CONF 660	Conflict Assessment and Program Evaluation	3
CONF 668	Applied Integration for Graduate Certificates (summer)	3
Total Credits		12

<sup>1</sup> CONF 501 Introduction to Conflict Analysis and Resolution may also be used to fulfill this requirement.

### Electives

Select 3 credits from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3
CONF 657	Facilitation Skills	
CONF 658	Diversity and Difference in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
CONF 659	Leadership in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
CONF 665	Special Topics in Conflict Analysis and Resolution	
Total Credits		3

<sup>1</sup> Application of any other course toward fulfillment of the elective requirement must be approved by the Certificate Program Director.