ADVANCED SKILLS GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Banner Code: CA-CERG-CARA

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 Advanced Skills Certificate covers conflict resolution skills in challenging conflicts and considers innovative and emerging practices.

The Advanced Skills Graduate Certificate 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. In addition to meeting all admission requirements for graduate study, applicants 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. Although students may enter the program in either the fall or spring semester, they are strongly encouraged to participate fully in the cohort learning experience by enrolling for the fall semester, taking two courses in the fall and two in the spring, and completing their certificate with the final course in the summer. The capstone course is only offered in the summer, students admitted for the spring term should expect their certificate program to take at least 18 months.

Elective

Select 3 credits from the following:

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<td>CONF 650</td>
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<td>Applied Integration for Graduate Certificates</td>
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Total Credits: 12

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

2 CONF 501 may also be used to fulfill this requirement

Policies

Class Schedule

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.

Certificate Requirements

Total credits: 15