The Schar school offers certificate programs in conjunction with its master's programs. Students already pursuing a master's degree in the school may, in most cases, after admission to a certificate program, earn an additional six credits (two courses) in Schar to receive a certificate in addition to the master’s degree.

The graduate certificate in nonprofit management may only be pursued on a part-time basis.

**Admissions & Policies**

**Admissions**

Applicants to all graduate programs must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in the Graduate Admission Policies section of this catalog. Participants must be admitted to a certificate program. Admission requirements are the same as those for the master’s programs and may be found on the Schar Admissions website (http://schar.gmu.edu/admissions).

**Policies**

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates.

**Termination from Program**

Students admitted to a Schar program will be terminated from the program upon receiving one grade of F and are no longer eligible to take courses in the school. Per university regulation, students are terminated from the university after accumulating grades of F in two courses or 9 credits of unsatisfactory grades in graduate courses. See AP.6 Graduate Policies for additional policies pertaining to graduate students.

**Requirements**

**Certificate Requirements**

Total credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

**Required Courses**

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Total Credits: 9

**Electives**

Select two electives (6 credits) in the nonprofit area.¹

Total Credits: 6

¹ A list of relevant electives is available under the concentration in nonprofit management in the MPA (master of public administration).