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 public 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 Graduate Admission Policies. 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 that 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. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see Graduate Policies.

**Requirements**

**Certificate Requirements**

Total credits: 15

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

**Required Courses**

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1. See the Public Administration, MPA, Public Management Concentration (PMA) for a list of relevant electives.