Graduate Certificate: College Access and Success

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Learn more about the graduate certificate in College Access and Success.

About the Certificate

The graduate certificate in College Access and Success aims to provide a post-baccalaureate credential that aligns with the primary goals of the MEd program in Higher Education. As the College of Education and Human Development strives to prepare existing and incoming professionals in the ever-changing landscape of higher and postsecondary education, this certificate serves as a critical bridge to helping these service providers develop marketable skills and competencies. Courses offered through this graduate certificate program challenge norms by placing significant emphasis on urban issues and themes of equity, access and affordability in higher and postsecondary education.

Time Limit for Certificate Completion: 2 years

Campus Location: Online

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The graduate certificate can be completed on a part-time basis.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted for the Fall, Spring and Summer terms and are reviewed on a rolling basis.

APPLY ONLINE to this certificate program.

Letters of Reference:
Number Required: 2

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained to provide insight regarding the applicant's academic competence. References from college/university faculty are recommended.

Bachelor’s Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A bachelor's degree is required. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is expected.

International applicants should also submit an official document that validates completion and conferral of a degree, diploma and/or certificate. While not required, international applicants are encouraged to submit transcript(s) to the World Education Services (WES) for evaluation.

Statement of Goals: In 500-1,000 words, write a statement of purpose outlining your interest in seeking a graduate certificate with a specific focus on the career to which you aspire, your interests, and your academic and job-related experiences that are relevant to the program.

Standardized Test Scores:
Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 79
- IELTS Academic: 6.5
- PTE Academic: 53

Resume: Current resume required.

Other Requirement: Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all accredited institutions attended and/or from which credit was earned must be submitted.

Certificate Requirements

Number of Credits Required to Complete the Certificate: 12

Required Courses:

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**Total Credit Hours**

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**GPA Required to be Awarded the Certificate:** 3.0 minimum

**Contacts**

**Certificate Program Web Address:**

https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/college-access-and-success-certificate-graduate-ed-cas-grad

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