

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES FOR NON-DEGREE-SEEKING POST- BACCALAUREATE STUDENTS (GRADUATE CERTIFICATE STUDENTS)

Non-degree-seeking post-baccalaureate students, who apply for and are granted admission into a graduate standalone certificate program, are known as *graduate certificate students*. Graduate certificate students must apply formally for the graduate certificate program via the online application. As a standalone graduate certificate, the minimum requirements and deadlines for admission are consistent with the standards for Rice degree-granting programs. Please see [Admission \(https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/admission/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/admission/). Graduate certificate students in these standalone graduate certificate programs may only take the specifically identified coursework within the requirements of that graduate certificate.

Within certain circumstances, students completing a Rice University standalone graduate certificate may use the credits earned toward that graduate certificate towards a specified Rice graduate degree, unless specifically prohibited by the General Announcements. For credits earned toward the certificate to count toward the graduate degree, students must complete that graduate degree within the time-to-degree boundaries defined in the General Announcements, based on the start term of the graduate certificate.

For more information regarding graduate certificate opportunities, please see [Certificates: Graduate-Level \(https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/certificates/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/graduate-students/academic-opportunities/certificates/).