

# ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

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Slippery Rock University offers certificates at the undergraduate and graduate levels. A certificate is a statement of recognition on the academic record that highlights an organized set of courses or short program of study, with specific learning outcomes, not culminating in a degree. Certificates are not the same as certifications or licenses, which typically are awarded by a third party outside the University.

The Undergraduate Certificate Declaration form (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/academic-services/academic-records/forms/>) can be located from the Academic Records and Registration Forms page. Please visit the Graduate Admissions webpage (<https://www.sru.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/requirements-by-program/>) for information about Graduate Certificates.

## Undergrad

Department's establish which courses count toward an academic certificate subject to the following limitations.

- The certificate will have a minimum of 12 undergraduate credits.
- At least six credits must be completed through SRU.
- To earn a certificate, students need a 2.0 or higher **cumulative** GPA in their certificate courses.
- No more than six certificate credits may share with the first undergraduate major; no more than nine certificate credits can be shared with an undergraduate minor (if applicable).
- Courses counted in a certificate can also be used to satisfy the Liberal Studies/Rock Studies requirements.
- No course needed for the certificate may be taken Pass/Fail.
- Students may earn more than one certificate.

## Graduate

Department's establish which courses count toward an academic certificate subject to the following limitations.

- The certificate will have a minimum of 9 graduate credits.
- At least six credits must be completed through SRU.
- To earn a certificate, students need a 3.0 or higher **cumulative** GPA in their certificate courses.
- All graduate certificate credits may share with the graduate major.
- No course needed for the certificate may be taken Pass/Fail.
- Students may earn more than one certificate.
- Individual certificates at the graduate level may have additional requirements regarding application of transfer credit and age of credit.

Certificates may be completed as part of a full degree program, or may be completed as a non-degree student. Students completing certificates as non-degree students are not eligible for financial aid.