

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Thomas University offers a diverse range of Certificate Programs designed to support professional growth, strengthen job-specific competencies, and cultivate valuable transferable skills such as critical thinking, adaptability, and informed decision-making.

These programs are ideal for individuals seeking:

- Acquire or sharpen specialized skills in targeted fields
- Enhance their qualifications for career advancement
- Transition into new professional roles
- Prepare for entry into undergraduate or graduate study

STU's certificate programs are intentionally structured to meet the needs of both traditional and non-traditional learners through accessible, time-efficient, and cost-effective learning experiences. Whether pursued as stand-alone credentials or stepping stones toward academic degrees, these certificates are rooted in practical outcomes and current industry expectations.

KEY BENEFITS OF STU CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- **Focused Skill Development:** Concentrated training in specific areas aligned with industry demands.
- **Career Advancement:** Credentialed recognition of your knowledge and commitment to ongoing professional development.
- **Flexible Learning:** Designed for working professionals, courses are delivered online with self-paced components.
- **Accessible and Affordable:** Certificate programs are a lower-cost, lower-time investment than full-degree programs.
- **Industry Recognition:** Many programs are recognized or endorsed by professional associations.
- **Relevant and Current:** Content is regularly updated to reflect the latest trends, technologies, and standards.
- **Time-Efficient:** Most certificate programs can be completed quickly, enabling fast application to real-world contexts.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM TYPES

STU offers three distinct types of certificate programs to accommodate different academic and career goals:

- **Undergraduate Certificate Programs**
Designed for students preparing to enter a university degree program. These programs consist of university-level coursework (up to 12 credit hours), which may be applied toward select degree programs at STU.
- **Graduate Certificate Programs**
Intended for students seeking admission to graduate studies. These programs consist of university-level coursework (up to 12 credit hours) that may be applied toward a master's program at STU.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSIONS

1. All students who wish to enroll in Certificate Programs whose native language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language.
2. The following qualifications are also required:
 - Undergraduate Certificate Programs: A high school diploma (or equivalent).
 - Graduate Certificate Programs: Bachelor's degree (or equivalent).

Suppose the secondary College diploma, Bachelor's degree, or Master's degree is not earned in the United States. In that case, it is required that the degree submitted allows for university enrollment in the applicant's country of residence.

EDUCATIONAL METHODOLOGY

The course is conducted online. Students and STU interact through STU's e-learning platforms. Upon admission to the university, students receive a personal STU e-mail address that serves as their primary link to the university and their program of study.

CERTIFICATION

A certificate attesting to the successful completion of the certificate programs is awarded at the end of the program.