



Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Financial Management Certificate

• CIP 5209 • 12 credits

Program Description

The Certificate in Financial Management provides opportunities for students to advance in a rewarding career in corporate financial management. Students learn wide-ranging theoretical concepts in finance and the practical tools needed to be distinguished as an effective financial manager and a leader in the industry. Students obtain a broad knowledge of financial theory and technical skills. The curriculum offers a unique opportunity to develop students' analytical approach and critical thinking abilities through hands-on coursework and real-world challenges.

Students who receive a certificate in financial management can become financial managers, corporate finance consultants, budget analysts, fiscal policy analysts, controllers, governmental accountants, administrators/managers, and community accountants. Financial managers are responsible for the financial health of an organization. They produce financial reports, direct investment activities, and develop strategies and plans to help achieve the longterm financial goals of their organization.

The credits earned in the certificate program are also transferable to the Master of Science in Finance program if students elect to continue their education after completion of a certificate.

Program Outcomes

Four online courses, each lasting five weeks, offer students an opportunity to learn wide-ranging theoretical concepts in finance and gain the practical tools needed to be distinguished as an effective financial manager in a variety of industries. The curriculum offers an opportunity to develop students' analytical approach and critical thinking abilities through hands-on coursework led by faculty with real-world experience.

Instructional Delivery

This is an online program. Courses are five weeks in length, and there are eight sessions each year. The certificate is designed for students to take one course per five-week session, which is equivalent to three courses in a traditional 15-week semester. There are four courses in the certificate. The certificate can be completed in 6 months of continuous enrollment.

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Prerequisites

While an undergraduate degree is required, students earning a bachelor's degree in fields other than business will be considered. Prospective applicants should demonstrate prior academic knowledge or professional experience for the certificate for which they apply.

Core Curriculum 9 credits

MSF 505W Managerial Finance

MBA 505W Managerial Accounting

MSF 545W Financial Modeling

Elective Courses 3 credits

Choose one:

MSF 510W Investment Management

MSF 540W International Finance