

# Graduate Certificate in Economic Development

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## Admission

To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must meet the following:

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution;
2. A grade point average of at least 3.000 based upon the last 60 credit hours of coursework (or nearest semester or term break to this), including any postbaccalaureate graduate work.

Applicants who have an earned degree from institutions in countries in which English is not the native language must meet one of the following before being admitted into the program: minimum 88 iBT or equivalent TOEFL score, overall 7.0 IELTS band score, or a 65 on the PTE-Academic.

Prerequisite coursework may be needed to complete courses in the certificate program. These prerequisite courses may be completed after being admitted to the certificate program.

Current graduate students of WSU should complete the *Declaration of Intent to Pursue a Graduate Certificate* form through the Graduate School website (<http://www.wichita.edu/graduate/>). The admission review faculty may request any of the listed admission requirements before rendering an admission decision. The department requires current students to be in *good standing* prior to requesting entry to the certificate program.

## Program Requirements

This graduate certificate program offers advanced study in economic development by local and state government. It enhances students' career opportunities and provides local practitioners in economic development an avenue to improve their skills. To earn this graduate certificate, students must have a 3.000 GPA in the courses that make up the certificate. In addition to these requirements, students must meet the Graduate School's requirements (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/academic-information/types-programs-courses/certificate-residency-badge-programs/>) in order to earn this certificate.

The required courses are:

Course	Title	Hours
PADM 865	Public and Nonprofit Financial Management	3
PADM 760	State and Local Economic Development	3
PADM 771	Planning Process	3
PADM 709 or PADM 871	Urban Economics Community Networks	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Successful completion of these certificate requirements is noted on the student's university transcript, and a graduate certificate is awarded by Wichita State University.