The Graduate Certificate in College Teaching is designed to prepare students for a faculty teaching career in post-secondary education. The 15-credit hour certificate is intended for graduate students who desire preparation and training in the area of college teaching. Courses eligible for the certificate program include an assortment of topics relevant to teaching in higher education such as student background (adult learners and traditionally-aged students), classroom teaching theory and strategies, online/hybrid or distance education, the faculty role, and an internship in college teaching.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in College Teaching will take 15 credit hours, selected with their advisor from the courses below. Students with little or no teaching experience will be highly encouraged to complete an internship in college teaching (EDL 697).

Admission requirements:

- Undergraduate degree with cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from an accredited institution.
- Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate degree schools you have attended.
- Current résumé identifying training, experience, and professional accomplishments. A cover page should indicate this is intended for the Graduate Certificate for College Teaching.
- Applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies.

Students may utilize certificate courses (a maximum of six (6) semester credits) to meet program requirements for other degrees, allowing for a concurrent awarding of both a degree and an earned certificate. Students must be accepted into both a degree program and the certificate option to obtain both options and work with their advisor to determine appropriate courses and eligibility. Students may also enroll in the certificate option alone.

A Master’s degree is required for admission into the Graduate Certificate in College Teaching unless one is not offered in your field. Applicants must then provide evidence of disciplinary content knowledge and expertise suitable to being hired to teach at the community college level in their chosen field or discipline. The Department of Educational Leadership will be responsible for the final determination of evidence suitability for waiving the Master’s degree requirement.

Required Courses (15 hours)

Select from the following:

EDL 626 - The Adult Learner
EDL 677 - The American College Student
EDL 680 - Teaching in Higher Education Settings
EDL 681 - Teaching with Technology in Higher Education Settings
EDL 697 - College Teaching Internship
EDL 763 - The Academic Profession

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