

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

The Graduate Certificate in Community and Economic Development (CEDEV Certificate) requires 15 credits, consisting of five 3-credit courses. The CEDEV Graduate Certificate is designed to build a basic level of knowledge and skills required for practitioners to address the important issues in community and economic development.

The certificate program is designed primarily for professionals in the field who wish to expand their existing knowledge and for those who wish to learn about community and economic development, including those working in or interested in dealing with the variety of development issues in America's towns, boroughs, small cities and rural areas. All courses are delivered online through the Penn State World Campus.

The five required courses introduce students to the field and cover the topics of Principles of Community and Economic Development and Leadership, Rural Organization, Economic Development Planning, Population, Land Use and Municipal Finance, and Methods and Techniques of Community and Economic Development. Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a graduate degree in Community and Economic Development, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree in Community and Economic Development must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the Community and Economic Development graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CEDEV 430	Principles of Local Economic Development	3
CEDEV 452	Community Structure, Processes and Capacity	3
CEDEV 500	Community and Economic Development: Theory and Practice	3
CEDEV 509	Population, Land Use, and Municipal Finance	3
CEDEV 575	Methods and Techniques for Community and Economic Development	3
Total Credits		15