

# PROGRAM EVALUATION, CERTIFICATE

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Evaluation research—systematic research principles and procedures for determining the success of policies, programs, projects, community development and other activities—has grown exponentially over the past several decades, especially as foundations, granting agencies, non-profits, governmental and other organizations and agencies increasingly expect and require the evaluation of services, programs, and projects. The need for researchers trained in both the theories and methods of evaluation research has grown accordingly. The Certificate in Program Evaluation emphasizes the practical application of program planning, assessment, and evaluation through frames of mixed methods research, local cultural contexts, and project-based applications of skills and knowledge.

## Admission Requirements

Students may apply to this certificate program as either degree or non-degree students (in either case, students must apply for the certificate through Graduate Admissions). Also, as in other certificate programs, to make an application, students must possess an undergraduate B.A. or B.S. degree from a regionally accredited college or university, with a minimum of an overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 on a scale of 4. No more than 3 hours of transfer credit can be applied to the proposed certificate (and the credit may not be more than 7 years old), to be applied only to the local cultural literacy/competency requirement (students may not transfer CI 627 Program Plan and Evaluation, EDF 620 Mixed Methods Research, or EDF 679 Problem Report). Students may apply credits earned in the proposed certificate to graduate degrees in COEPD as well as in the Graduate Humanities Program as electives, to be determined by faculty advising students' programs of study. Credits earned in the proposed certificate can potentially be applied to professional development and other professional continuing education as well; again, depending on individual programs of study and the approval of faculty in COEPD and/or the Graduate Humanities Program.

## Plan of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CI 627	Program Plan and Evaluation	3
EDF 620	Mixed Methods Research	3
EDF 679	Problem Report	1-3
<b>Local Cultural Literacy/Competency Courses</b>		
Select one of the following:		
CULS 610	Seminar in Appalachian Culture	
CULS 611	Appal Std: Themes & Voices	
CULS 612	Time & Place in Appalachia	
Total Credit Hours		7-9