



# Graduate Certificates



Multidisciplinary programs designed to provide graduate students, individual practitioners and professionals with an integrated learning experience to enhance their career opportunities and options.

**APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED  
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

## **CERTIFICATE OPTIONS**

- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies
- Disabilities
- Child Welfare
- Gerontology
- Research and Evaluation

## **DIVERSE STUDENT BODY**

These programs attract graduate students and professionals currently working in social work, mental health, nursing, public health, education, criminal justice, and related fields who recognize the need for the specialized training and credentials.

## **URBAN LOCATION**

Detroit's urban context provides rich and compelling experiences that aid in developing professional competence and prepare students to uphold the core values of the social work profession.

For more information visit us at  
**[socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate](https://socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate)**



## Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADAS)

This 12 credit hour interdisciplinary certificate program designed to provide students with an integrated learning experience that includes biological, psychological, social, cultural, and public health perspectives on alcohol and drug misuse, and addiction. For students interested in becoming a certified alcohol and drug counselor or prevention specialist, the CADAS coursework will help meet the education requirements of the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals. Applications are accepted throughout the year and students may begin the program in any term.

Visit [socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate/cadas.php](http://socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate/cadas.php) or email [cadas\\_cert@lists.wayne.edu](mailto:cadas_cert@lists.wayne.edu) for more information.

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## Disabilities

This 15 credit hour certificate program is designed to prepare master's level students for a career in the disabilities field. The certificate program can help graduates learn to be better advocates for people with disabilities, expand their career options, prepare them for leadership positions in the field and assist them in finding a job in the disabilities field. Applications are accepted throughout the year and students begin the program in the Fall term.

For additional information visit [ddi.wayne.edu/certificate](http://ddi.wayne.edu/certificate)

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## Child Welfare

This specialized 12 credit certificate is designed to provide students with the competency required to practice with families and children experiencing child maltreatment, often with compounding issues of poverty, racism, substance abuse, domestic violence and other experiences of trauma. This certificate may enhance an individual's career opportunities in child welfare and will prepare those interested in working with children and families, including in areas such as child protective services, foster care, school social work, and behavioral health settings. Applications are accepted throughout the year and students may begin the program during any semester.

Visit [socialwork.wayne.edu/childwelfare](http://socialwork.wayne.edu/childwelfare) for additional information.

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## Gerontology

This 12 credit multidisciplinary certificate program is designed to prepare graduate students, individual practitioners and professionals to work in the field of aging in a variety of settings. Completion of the program will develop and/or enhance knowledge in a number of areas including the psychological aspects of aging in the context of human development, communication with older persons, policy and program administration, service provision, aging in a political and economic context, and the health, biological and physiological aspects of aging. Applications are accepted throughout the year and students may begin the program in any term.

Visit [socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate/gerontology.php](http://socialwork.wayne.edu/certificate/gerontology.php) or email [gero\\_cert@lists.wayne.edu](mailto:gero_cert@lists.wayne.edu) for additional information.

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*Courses for the following certificate are drawn from existing doctoral program curriculum. This certificate may be of interest to those who wish to "test the waters" prior to admission into a doctoral program.*

## Research & Evaluation

This 18 credit certificate is ideal for individuals who are interested in learning advanced research and evaluation skills necessary to engage in evidence-based practice across all levels of practice in social work and social welfare. It will prepare students to frame evaluation or research questions and to use quantitative and qualitative tools to assess the outcomes and effectiveness of efforts to deal with social problems. It will also prepare students with skills to translate research into practice theory and interventions. Completion of a master's degree in social work, counseling or related human services field is required for acceptance into this certificate program. Applications are accepted throughout the year and students begin the program in the Fall or Winter terms.

For additional information visit [socialwork.wayne.edu/phd/certificateprograms](http://socialwork.wayne.edu/phd/certificateprograms).

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