

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A CERTIFICATE

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Students wishing to complete a graduate certificate at Bethel University must:

1. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in certificate courses.
2. Earn at least 80% of the required certificate credits at Bethel to meet Bethel's residency requirements. Specific courses in a certificate may also be required to be taken at Bethel.
3. Complete all of the requirements of a certificate (listed by discipline in this catalog).
4. Complete departmental and institutional assessment activities.
5. Complete the work within the time limit of five years. This means that students must have completed coursework for all courses within 15 terms beginning from the first term in which they are enrolled.

In some cases, students may be allowed to use credits earned at a higher level to meet requirements in a lower-level program (e.g. use credits earned in a doctoral program to meet master's level certificate requirements).

Students are awarded a certificate under the requirements of the most current catalog at the time they enter Bethel for the last time. Any substitutions are determined by the Graduate School.

## Program of Study

Program of study is a term used especially for financial aid purposes. For certificates, the program of study is defined as the course requirements for all certificates that the student has declared. For licenses, the program of study is defined as the course requirements for all licenses that a student has declared.