

University of Calgary Certificate and Diploma Framework

Approved by GFC November 2018

	Credit Undergraduate				Credit Graduate					
	Certificate		Diploma	Embedded Certificate	Certificate			Diploma		
Nomenclature	Certificate	Post-Bachelor's Certificate	Diploma	Embedded Certificate	Graduate	Post-Masters	Post-Doctoral	Graduate	Post-Masters	Post-Doctoral
Typical Entrance	At minimum HS diploma or equivalent *some programs may require specific university courses	Bachelor's degree or equivalent *some programs may require specific university courses	Completion of university certificate or HS diploma or equivalent. *some programs may require specific high school or university courses	Enroled in an undergraduate degree program	Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Doctoral degree	Bachelor's Degree or Post-Bachelor's Certificate	Master's Degree or Post-Master's Certificate	Doctoral Degree or Post-Doctoral Certificate
Credits	15-30 Credits	24-36 Credits	60-80 Credits	12-24 Credits	Minimum of 12 Credits			Minimum of 18 Credits		Variable
Free-Standing Credential	Yes		Yes	No	Yes			Yes		
Length of Program	Typically 1 year or less		Typically 2-3 years	Typically taken concurrently with an eligible degree programs and completed prior to graduation.	Typically 1 year or less			Typically 1-2 years		
Approval Process	Faculty Council, Academic Program Subcommittee (APS), Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), Ministry of Advanced Education		Faculty Council, Academic Program Subcommittee (APS), Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), Ministry of Advanced Education	Faculty Council, Academic Program Subcommittee (APS), Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC)	Faculty Council, Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS), Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), Ministry of Advanced Education			Faculty Council, Graduate Academic Program Subcommittee (GAPS), Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (APPC), Ministry of Advanced Education		
Credential Type	Ministry-Approved		Ministry-Approved	Institutional Credential (Interdisciplinary)	Ministry-Approved			Ministry-Approved		
Review Process	Reviewed at the time of the curriculum review.		Reviewed at the time of the curriculum review.	Reviewed at the time of the curriculum review.	Reviewed at the time of the graduate program review.			Reviewed at the time of the graduate program review.		
Admission Process	Admission and registration through the Registrar's Office using the standard admission process.		Admission and registration through the Registrar's Office using the standard admission process.	Admission and registration through the Registrar's Office, in consultation with the academic unit, using the registration system.	1. Admission and registrarion through the Faculty of Graduate Studies using the standard graduate admission process. 2. Admission should be identical to that for the graduate program to which the certificate is related. 3. Alternate admission criteria are possible.			1. Admission and registration through the Faculty of Graduate Studies using the standard graduate admission process. 2. Admission should be identical to that for the graduate program to which the certificate is related. 3. Alternate admission criteria are possible.		
Tuition	Tuition is established when a program is approved and increases are limited to institutional and Ministry regulations.		Tuition is established when a program is approved and increases are limited to institutional and Ministry regulations.	Tuition is assessed at the standard rates for courses in which the students are registered. No additional tuition fees are assessed for courses taken as part of the embedded certificate program.	Tuition is established when a program is approved and increases are limited to institutional and Ministry regulations.			Tuition is established when a program is approved and increases are limited to institutional and Ministry regulations.		
Revenue Share	Courses are subject to the teaching revenue share formula.		Courses are subject to the teaching revenue share formula.	Courses are subject to the teaching revenue share formula.	Courses are subject to the teaching revenue share formula.			Courses are subject to the teaching revenue share formula.		
Laddering/Transfer	Credit certificates may ladder into other credit programs as determined by the admitting Faculty.		Credit diplomas may ladder into other credit programs as determined by the admitting Faculty.	Embedded certificates are integrated into degree programs and do not ladder into other credit programs.	Graduate credit certificate programs may ladder into other graduate credit programs if approved in the program review process.			Graduate diploma programs may ladder into other graduate credit programs if approved in the program review process.		
Transcripts/Parchments	Credit certificates are noted on the transcript. The Registrar's Office will produce the parchment.		Diplomas are noted on the transcript. The Registrar's Office will produce the parchment.	Embedded certificates are noted on the transcript only.	Credit certificates are noted on the transcript. The Registrar's Office will produce the parchment.			Diplomas are noted on the transcript. The Registrar's Office will produce the parchment.		
Convocation	Do not participate in convocation.		Participation in convocation.	Students may participate in the University's convocation ceremonies according to the degree being received.	Participation in convocation.			Participation in convocation.		