QUALITATIVE RESEARCH - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration
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Description
The Qualitative Research graduate certificate is for students who wish to improve their ability to design, conduct, analyze and quality-assess qualitative approaches to research used in the context of funded research, educational assessment, program evaluation, critical, creative, exploratory, or theoretical endeavors or other applications. The courses in this program offer students inter- and trans-disciplinary opportunities to learn and develop skills in qualitative methodologies, including grounded theory, phenomenology, ethnography and descriptive approach; as well as methods, including observation, interviewing, transcription, data analysis, use of software, analytic memoing and others.

Fully Offered At:
• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
• Official transcript(s)
• Résumé
• Goal statement
• Two letters of recommendations

Review of applications will be handled by one of the certificate co-coordinators, who will also evaluate prerequisites (if substitute syllabi are submitted by student). For more information about graduate admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Argue for the value of qualitative methodological approaches and help others understand the value of this form of inquiry to enhance understanding within their respective fields.
2. Critique and review a wide variety of qualitative research in their respective fields.
3. Create and enact a variety of forms of high-quality, ethical qualitative research in their respective fields.

Graduate Certificate Policy for the College of Education, Health and Human Services
• Students seeking a graduate certificate must maintain a minimum 3.000 grade point average. A graduate certificate student who receives a combination of more than 8 credit hours of B- or lower grades, or more than 4 credit hours of grades lower than C is subject to dismissal. Students who are unable to maintain academic standards of the College are subject to dismissal for academic reasons. Grades of C- or below are not counted toward completion of the certificate.
• Certificates must be completed within six years after the first graduate enrollment.
• No more than 2 credit hours of workshop may be used toward a certificate.
• Before being eligible to be awarded a Certificate, students must be admitted to the Certificate program.
• Students currently in a graduate degree program may also apply to a certificate program. Their degree seeking coursework may be applied to the certificate coursework with advisor approval. The courses must be completed within six years and satisfy certificate course requirements.
• Students who have a previous graduate degree and are not currently seeking another graduate degree may transfer a maximum 6 credit hours with advisor approval. These credits may include hours from another KSU program, or from another accredited institution, if the following conditions are met: (1) courses were at the graduate level; (2) a grade of ‘A’ or ‘B’ was earned; (3) credit will be less than six years old at the time the certificate is conferred at Kent; and (4) student was admitted as a graduate student at the time the course was taken.
• Some program areas may be more restrictive. Students are advised to consult their program.

Program Requirements
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EVAL 85540  GROUNDED THEORY AND
PHENOMENOLOGICAL RESEARCH

EVAL 85550  ETHNOGRAPHY AND CASE STUDY RESEARCH

EVAL 85560  CRITICAL SOCIAL RESEARCH

EVAL 88795  SPECIAL TOPICS: EVALUATION AND
MEASUREMENT

GEOG 52053  GEOGRAPHIES OF MEMORY AND HERITAGE

MUS 73283  RESEARCH IN MUSIC EDUCATION

MUS 73285  PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC EDUCATION

MUS 73286  SOCIOLOGY OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 18

1. These courses can be used to fulfill the requirement for other
required courses if the following conditions are met: (1) the
course was not previously taken to fulfill the required first course
requirement; (2) the course is outside of the student's primary major
or degree area.

2. Other courses that may be applied toward this elective requirement
are special topics and independent study courses offered by faculty/
departments with courses represented by the certificate—or in
Anthropology (ANTH), Computer Science (CS), Interior Design (ID) or
in others—as approved by a program co-coordinator.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Certificate GPA  Minimum Overall GPA

3.000

• Students declared in a doctoral degree should enroll in the doctoral-
level version of these courses if offered.

• Prior coursework may be counted for all requirements, as long as it
is substantially similar as judged by syllabi from the course and is
less than six years old at time of earning the certificate. Students may
substitute courses at the discretion of the program coordinators.