

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.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Disclosure statement for this certificate.

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

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Certificate Requirements		
Introductory Electives, choose from the following: ¹		3
COMM 65040	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN COMMUNICATION	
EVAL 65516	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN	
GEOG 60900	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN GEOGRAPY	
POL 60010	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	
SBS 73010	QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH	
SOC 62219	QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY	
Research Design/Analysis Electives, choose from the following:		6
EVAL 65516	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN	
EVAL 85518	ADVANCED QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	
GEOG 60900	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS IN GEOGRAPY	
POL 60010	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	
SBS 73010	QUALITATIVE METHODS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH	
SBS 73011	QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS	
SOC 62219	QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 62221	ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY	
Certificate Electives, choose from the following: ²		9
CULT 60050	HUMANITIES-ORIENTED RESEARCH IN EDUCATION	

EVAL 85520	MIXED METHODS RESEARCH
EVAL 65530	PRACTITIONER INQUIRY
EVAL 85540	GROUNDING 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

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.