

Post-baccalaureate Certificate Programs



Strengthen your application to graduate or professional school

Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies post-baccalaureate certificate programs offer a unique opportunity to prepare yourself for graduate school, including law, education and PhD programs. By attending evening classes in your area of study you can strengthen your academic transcript, show recent academic success and secure current letters of recommendation from Northwestern faculty. The Northwestern University certificate is a credential that will enable you to stand out in your application for advanced study.

Areas of Study

Choose from a wide range of concentrations or collaborate with an adviser to develop an individualized academic plan (consisting of four to eight courses) that is suited to your background and academic goals.

Master's or PhD Programs

If you are interested in pursuing graduate study, you can work toward a well-qualified application by using the admission requirements of programs that you are considering to guide your decisions about course enrollment at SCS. For example, if you're planning to apply to a PhD program in psychology, you'll enroll in courses that meet the requirements of the program or programs to which you intend to apply.



"We help people reach their educational goals, from the computer programmer who transitioned to becoming an MD to the engineer who entered a PhD program in clinical psychology. When people take the initiative to advance their own interests, the possibilities are endless."

— Peter Kaye, Assistant Dean



**NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY**

**SCHOOL OF
CONTINUING
STUDIES**

Post-baccalaureate certificate concentrations:

- Advanced Accounting
- Advertising for Creatives
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biological Sciences
- Business Practices
- Business School Preparation
- Business Writing and Communication
- Communication Studies
- Communication Systems
- CPA Preparation
- Creative Writing
- Dispute Resolution
- Economics
- English and American Literature
- Environmental Policy and Culture
- Finance
- Fundamentals of Accounting
- Fundamentals of Human Resources
- Global Business
- History
- Information Systems
- Innovation and Change Management
- International Studies
- Internet and Web Development
- Journalism
- Leadership
- Math Fundamentals for Business
- Mathematics
- Network Systems
- Organization Behavior
- Political Science
- Pregraduate Business Administration
- Pregraduate Study
- Programming
- Psychology
- Radio/TV/Film
- Sociology
- Strategic Marketing
- Strategic Organizational Management
- Training and Development
- Specialized Study

Create a custom program by choosing courses that are tailored to your specific academic goals. Courses are offered in 38 subjects.

Visit www.scs.northwestern.edu/courses for course schedules and descriptions.

Law School

There is no one academic path to law school, but courses at SCS will equip you with strong writing and verbal communication skills, an understanding of society and human nature, and critical and creative thinking skills. At Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies, students prepare for law school with study in subject areas such as English, history, political science, communication studies and psychology.

Education

SCS can help you embark on a career in elementary or secondary education. Based on your undergraduate coursework and the requirements of your chosen master's program, you can take general education courses to prepare for graduate study while satisfying some teacher certification requirements. If you are a career changer interested in a secondary education, you can complete your application to programs that require the course equivalents of an undergraduate major, such as mathematics or history.

Application Process for Post-baccalaureate Certificates

1. As requirements vary from school to school, it's recommended that you examine the admission requirements of programs that you are considering to identify the courses that best meet your needs.
2. Meet with an SCS adviser to discuss your goals and form a plan of study. Call 312-503-1177 to schedule an appointment.
3. Apply for admission by completing the Post-baccalaureate Certificate Application, in which you will identify the courses in your proposed course of study, as well as your rationale (see current course listings — keep in mind that not all courses are offered every year).
4. Submit the completed application to Post-baccalaureate Certificate Admissions, Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies, 339 East Chicago Avenue, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted quarterly.

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| Fall Quarter | August 1 |
| Winter Quarter | November 1 |
| Spring Quarter | February 1 |
| Summer Quarter | May 1 |

Call 312-503-1177 for more information.

Time to Completion

Two quarters to two years, based on your goals and number of courses

Locations

Courses are available on Northwestern's Evanston and Chicago campuses

Times

Evening and Saturday courses

Individualized Support Services

Outside of the classroom, SCS also works with you to get the most out of your academic experience at Northwestern. The SCS Student Services team is available to assist you every step of the way, and you'll benefit from access to the academic and community resources of Northwestern University. Post-baccalaureate students can also benefit from:

- Advisers who will collaborate with you on your academic and professional goals throughout your tenure at SCS
- Events, workshops and presentations that will help you hone and enhance your graduate or law school application
- Access to the premier online service Interfolio to accumulate your credentials for graduate school applications, especially letters of recommendation, and manage them efficiently
- Preparation for graduate and law school interviews, including feedback on recorded mock interviews
- Guidance in crafting a personal statement and in selecting strong writing samples for your application

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