

Graduate Certificate in Community Engagement | Student Planning Document

The Graduate Certificate in Community Engagement is a scaffold by which graduate student scholars integrate academic study with community engagement experiences. Through participation in coursework, community-focused graduate research, creative work, and/or hands-on experience, scholars maintain a portfolio containing reflection materials, research documents, a record of experiential hours, and a final synthesis documenting their deepened understanding as community-engaged scholars.

Students must participate in 9 credits of academic coursework while maintaining a 3.2 overall GPA and a B- or better in all courses applied to this certificate. Upon successful completion, the certificate will be recorded on the student's transcript.

For more information, please contact the Community Engagement Graduate Director at BlueHensEngage@udel.edu.

If interested in enrolling in the certificate, please discuss it with your academic advisor and complete the [Community Engagement Interest Form](#). You will then meet with the certificate faculty advisor for a one-on-one advising meeting. If you, your academic advisor, and the certificate faculty advisor agree that you are a good candidate for the certificate, you must:

- Complete the [Enrollment form](#) and email it to BlueHensEngage@udel.edu
- Enroll in UNIV 679

In the second or third semester of your graduate program:

- Take at least one 3-credit course with a community engagement component. The certificate faculty advisor and/or your academic advisor can help you select an appropriate course. The certificate faculty advisor and the faculty review board must approve your course selection, so be sure to keep in contact.

In the third or fourth semester of your graduate program:

- Take another 3-credit course with a community engagement component.
- Complete the table on the planning document on the next page.
- Begin your e-portfolio draft.

In the final semester of your graduate program:

- Complete & Submission of an e-portfolio
- Complete the [Application for Certificate form](#) and email it to BlueHensEngage@udel.edu within the first month of your last semester.

Name: _____

Program: _____ Expected grad date: _____

Earn nine credits of academic coursework and maintain a 3.2 overall GPA and a B- or better in all courses applied to this certificate. Details are provided below:

Requirement	Course Number: Title	Semester Completed
3 credits of UNIV 679: Introduction to Community Engaged Scholarship	UNIV 679: Introduction to Community Engaged Scholarship	
3 credits of other graduate-level coursework with a Community Engaged component as approved by the Faculty Review Board		
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Culminating Requirement: E-Portfolio

Depending on your graduation year, the e-portfolio is due at the beginning of January (for Spring graduation) or August (for Winter graduation).

Upon completion, scholars will submit a portfolio to the Faculty Review Board that includes the following:

- A copy of the completed table above;
- Submission of a research paper or creative work of excellent quality which includes extensive theoretical or direct engagement with a specific community, and which could serve as a possible focus for a thesis or dissertation; and
- A reflection paper of serious length and quality regarding participation in the community-based experience. This paper may be about experience earned through a directly engaged research paper fulfilling the above requirement or through an internship/project in direct contact with a community partner.