This 12-credit graduate certificate program is designed to provide
students with broad training in the field of agricultural biosecurity.
Courses cover animal and plant health, and food defense aspects of
agricultural biosecurity and food defense. Content is both theoretical
and applied but with an emphasis on practical application of knowledge
gained. A distance education format is used to accommodate the needs
of professionals already active in this area.

The certificate program is an attractive option for those who desire
advanced graduate training but do not require the full Master's degree
program. It is also ideal for students who wish to move into the degree
program once all admissions requirements are fulfilled (e.g., GRE);
however, successful completion of a certificate program neither implies
nor guarantees admission to a graduate degree program at Penn State.
Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards
a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program.
Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a
graduate degree, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer
Credit (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/
gcac-300/transfer-credit/).

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