**DISTANCE EDUCATION POSTBACCALAUREATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

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**Program Code**
DISTED

**Campus(es)**
World Campus

The certificate in Distance Education is a postbaccalaureate program designed for educators and trainers who want to expand their knowledge and build competencies in the field of distance education. The goal of the program is to assist the students in learning the latest trends, issues, and applications within the field of distance education while experiencing them firsthand as a student.

**Effective Date:** Fall Semester 2016  
**Expiration Date:** Fall Semester 2021

### Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students) for more information.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- A one-page resume
- A statement describing professional goals, experiences, and responsibilities (2 page maximum)
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission)

### Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs).

The certificate program consists of 12 credits of course work in Lifelong Learning and Adult Education (ADTED) of which 6 credits must be at the 500 level.

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### Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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