The Graduate Certificate in Financial Management is designed to enhance essential skills for making intelligent financial business decisions. The required courses for the certificate provide a strong foundation in financial theory, building on the concepts of time value of money and risk management. Students will acquire technical skills for developing analytical approaches and improve critical thinking abilities through hands-on coursework and real-world case studies. Real world examples will be covered in corporate finance, investments, portfolio theory and international analysis are emphasized.

In addition to being an excellent stand-alone credential, all of the courses in the Graduate Certificate in Financial Management can be applied toward the blended M.B.A. program offered through Penn State’s Behrend College. However, successful completion of the certificate neither guarantees nor implies acceptance into any graduate program at Penn State. Admission to the M.B.A. graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed. Approval to apply nondegree graduate credits toward a degree program must be granted by the student’s academic adviser, the program head or graduate officer, and the Graduate School. A maximum of 15 credits earned as a nondegree student may be applied to a degree program, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-309/transfer-credit/).

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