The Graduate Certificate in Leadership and Communication Skills for Ecosystem Managers (LCSEM Certificate) requires 12 credits, consisting of four 3-credit courses. The program is intended for people who are working as natural resources managers in higher-level management and leadership positions or for those who wish to move into such positions. The program is designed to provide ecosystem managers with critical skills for addressing complex environmental issues that often involve diverse stakeholders and interests. The program helps managers develop their planning, leadership, communication, and conflict resolution skills. They also develop a deeper understanding of the legal, policy, and economic context within which they must work to accomplish their goals.

Effective Semester: Fall 2018
Ending Semester: Fall 2023

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (https://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 (https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/) for more information.

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree in forestry, wildlife or fisheries management, environmental resource management, natural resources management, environmental science, ecology or related field. For admission, an applicant should have at least a 2.75 overall grade-point average (or equivalent) and a 3.00 junior/senior average (on a 4.00 scale), or an advanced degree and appropriate courses and/or experiential background. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/) must accompany the application.

Certificate Requirements

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