

Graduate Microcredentials

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5830.1 Microcredentials Definition

Graduate Microcredentials are:

1. *Small components of learning that occurs through a change in knowledge, skill, or competency*
2. *Short term learning experiences*
 - a. *Credit-bearing experiences are less than a graduate certificate*
 - b. *Non-credit bearing experiences' length can be determined by the respective university*
3. *Documented or transcribed so that the learner can provide evidence of the learning experience*
4. *Reviewed, validated, or verified using the local university's approval process to ensure appropriate graduate level learning outcomes*
5. *Taught by graduate level faculty if the experience is credit-bearing*

For information regarding curricular approval of microcredential programs, see Policy 4245.

Graduate microcredentials at Wright State University may consist of up to 8 semester hours. They may include non-credit-bearing trainings, which are subject to approval by the Provost, managed by the office of the registrar, and overseen by faculty of the microcredential's designated unit. Fees for non-credit-bearing trainings will be arranged through the Office of Financial Operations, in consultation with both the Provost and Registrar.

Courses taken as part of a microcredential are subject to academic and residency requirements per Policies [5810](#) and [5820](#). If not otherwise prohibited, courses taken as part of a microcredential may be applied (double-counted) to a subsequent or concurrently awarded degree program of study without penalty. Conversely, courses taken as part of a completed two or four-year program may be counted towards a microcredential. Students must request the microcredential be awarded before degree completion (per Policy 5810.2).

Commented [BM1]: Note that Policies 5810 and 5820 should be renamed "Academic Standards for Graduate Certificates and Microcredentials" and "Credit Hour Residency Requirement for Graduate Certificates and Microcredentials," respectively. Policy 5820 will also require slight revision to specify different credit hour limits for the two types of credentials.