The Leadership Studies Certificate Program provides an interdisciplinary academic graduate program through which students can enhance their understanding of leadership theory and practice while applying it directly toward their academic or professional area of interest. The academic requirements offer students a common basic curriculum of leadership theory at the graduate level (LEAD 500 – 3 credit hours) and practical application of that theory to a specialized area of interest to the student (LEAD 600 – 2 credit hours). Additionally, the program allows the student to choose three courses from a broad interdisciplinary selection of courses for a total of 14 credit hours.

The goal of the graduate Leadership Certificate Program is to provide an opportunity for post-baccalaureate students to study leadership theories, issues regarding ethical and social responsibility, human relations and interpersonal skills, and critical thinking and decision making skills in various interdisciplinary areas and to participate in directed application of theoretical knowledge to life situations such as occupational, civil, social, political, and educational areas.

Effective leadership is a necessary function in virtually every type of organization; this interdisciplinary certificate is designed to complement most graduate programs, or to stand alone as a single certificate program.

Who is eligible?

Students admitted to graduate studies at WKU can elect to pursue the Graduate Certificate in Leadership Studies either by itself or in conjunction with a Master’s program in a selected specific discipline.

How to apply

1. Apply for admission to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research, Western Kentucky University, Wetherby Administration Building.
2. Contact the School of Leadership Studies for application for the Graduate Certificate Program at:

   School of Leadership Studies
   220 Tate Page Hall
   1906 College Heights Blvd. #21067
   Bowling Green, KY 42101-1067
   (270) 745-8973 (270) 745-5150 (fax)
   Email: lead.stu@wku.edu
   http://www.wku.edu/leadership
LEADERSHIP STUDIES CERTIFICATE - GRADUATE PROGRAM

Requirements: 14 credit hours

I. Leadership Perspectives (3 credit hours)
LEAD 500 Effective Leadership Studies

II. Ethics and Social Responsibility (Select one of the following—3 hours):
ECON 434G The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination
GEOG 580 Problems in Urban Geography
PS 538 Ethics and Bureaucracy
HCA 555 Healthcare Preparedness and Leadership
HCA 544 Healthcare Systems Design and Behavior
LEAD 525 Ethics and Leadership
NURS 501/508 Nursing, Politics & Health Policy/Advanced Issues in Professional Nursing
PH 447G Human Values and the Health Sciences
PH 583 Public Health Administration
PSY 541 Professional Ethics and Issues in Psychology
PSY 670 Equal Employment Opportunity, the Law, and Ethical Considerations
WOMN 545 Feminist Knowledge and Social Change

III. Human Relations (Select one of the following—3 hours)
BA 500 Management Dynamics
BA 510 Organizational Theory
BA 560 Contemporary Human Resource Management
CNS 555 Social and Cultural Diversity in Counseling
COMM 561 Multinational Business Communication
COMM 564 Crisis Communication
COMM 565 Communication and Conflict
COMM 578 Seminar in Interpersonal Communication
COMM 586 Processes of Group Communication
ECON 595 Labor and Human Resource Economics
EDAD 590 Administration of School Personnel
PS 541 Public Personnel Administration
HCA 542 Health Services Human Resources Management
HIST 505 Cultural Diversity in American History
NURS 528 Leadership and Management in Nursing Administration
PSY 571 Personnel Psychology
PSY 572 Organizational Psychology
SOCL 542 Community
WOMN 555 Global and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women

IV. Critical Thinking & Empirical Assessment (Select one of the following—3 hours)
BA 501 Survey of Economics
BA 511 Applied Micro Theory of Economics
BA 512 Problem Solving, Data Modeling, and Managerial Decisions
COMM 502 Survey Research Methods in Communication
COMM 544 Persuasive Communication
EDFN 500 Research Methods
NURS 510 Graduate Nursing Research
PS 545 Seminar in Public Policy Analysis
PS 546 Public Policy Evaluation
PH 501 Research Methods
PH 591 Health Program Evaluation
SOCL 513 Quantitative Methods of Social Research
V. Practicum (2 credit hours)
LEAD 600 Practicum in Leadership
NURS 530 (For MSN Students Only)