Western Kentucky University will launch a new certificate in game design this fall to create a new career pathway for students.

The WKU certificate is an 18-hour interdisciplinary program that combines the strengths of the departments of art, computer science and communication.

Required coursework includes computer programming, visual art and design and gaming practices. It provides students with an understanding of contemporary game culture and skills in computer animation and industry-standard game design engines.

The certificate can be combined with majors across campus as a component of a four-year degree or completed as a standalone credential in as little as one year.

For information, go to wku.edu/game or contact Kristina Arnold, head of the art department and certificate coordinator, at Kristina.Arnold@wku.edu.