

Certificate Requirements

Optional certificates are offered in some schools or departments. The requirements governing certificates are as follows:

- A certificate is a skill based program responsive to employer and/or market need that supplements a student's graduate or degree completion studies. Point Loma Nazarene University offers certificates which may be one of three types: academic, professional development or attendance certificates.
- Academic certificates will be between six (6) and eighteen (18) graduate level units. Professional development certificates are based on a ten (10) hours per CEU formula. Attendance certificates are awarded on the basis of full session attendance.
- 50% or more of the units being applied to the certificate must be unique to that certificate.
- Only academic certificates that appear in the student's catalog of record may be earned at the point of graduation.
- Students must earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for an academic certificate with no grade lower than C.
- Of the total graduate units in the academic certificate, a minimum of two-thirds must be earned in residence.
- Academic **certificate** programs will state clearly whether they can be applied to a PLNU degree.
- Neither professional development nor attendance certificates can be converted to academic credit or applied to university programs or degrees.