

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROFESSIONALISM AND SUCCESS, CERTIFICATE (1765) - PENDING SUSPENSION FOR 2025-2026

Program Coordinator

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This certificate focuses on competencies needed for career readiness and professional development for transitioning into the workplace. Coursework required in the following areas: foundational knowledge; research and writing; global learning, diversity, and service; and emerging professional exploration. Completion of the CEBS Student Success Academy required for certificate completion.

Program Requirements (12-15 hours)

A grade of 'C' or better is required in all coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
Category I: Foundational Knowledge		
Select 3 hours from the following courses: *		3
CNS 110	Human Relations	
CNS 432	Helping Skills	
EDU 175	University Experience	
EDU 250	Discover Teaching: Introduction to Teacher Education	
IDST 199	University Learning	
LEAD 200	Introduction to Leadership Studies	
LEAD 300	Leadership Theory and Application	
MGE 275	Foundations of Middle Grades Instruction	
MIL 101	Introduction to the Army and Mountaineering	
MIL 102	Foundations of Army Leadership	
MIL 201	Army Leadership and Ethics	
MIL 202	Team Building and Army Doctrine	
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	
PSY 175	University Experience	
SMED 101	Step 1: Introduction to Inquiry-Based Approaches to Teaching	
SMED 102	Step 2: Introduction to Inquiry-Based Lesson Design	
Category II: Research and Writing		
Select 3 hours from the following courses: *		3
EDU 400	Investigations in Education	
ENG 300	Writing in the Disciplines	
IDST 395	Investigative Methods in Interdisciplinary Studies	

PSY 210 & PSY 211	Research Methods in Psychology and Research Methods in Psychology Laboratory ¹
PSY 290	Supervised Study in Psychology
PSY 313	Statistics in Psychology ¹
PSY 490	Research, Readings or Special Projects in Psychology ¹
SMED 360	Research Methods for Math and Science Teachers ¹
WFA 347	Workforce Linkage and Applications
Category III: Global Learning, Diversity, and Service	
Select 3 hours from the following courses: *	
EDU 276	Displaced Persons & Civic Engagement
EDU 385	Climate, Resources, & Society
EDFN 310	Global Issues in Education Policy and Practice
LEAD 450	Leadership in Global Contexts ¹
IDST 350	Interdisciplinary Studies Study Abroad
LME 448	Technology Applications in Education
PSY 355	Issues in Cross-Cultural Psychology
SPED 330	Introduction to Exceptional Education: Diversity in Learning
SPS 400	Foundations of Global Citizenship
Category IV: Emerging Professional	
Select 3 hours from the following courses: *	
BE 486	Business and Marketing Education Seminar
ELED 465	Data-Driven Decision-Making in Elementary Education ²
ELED 490	Student Teaching ²
IECE 490	Student Teaching (Infants and Toddlers) - (Preschoolers) ¹
IDST 369	Career Related Field Experience (3 credit hours)
IDST 495	Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone ¹
LEAD 400	Practicum in Leadership
LEAD 465	Leadership Coaching
MGE 490	Student Teaching
PSY 390	Field Experience in Psychology
PSY 490	Research, Readings or Special Projects in Psychology (3 credit hours) ¹
PSY 499	Senior Seminar in Psychology ¹
SEC 350	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching I ¹
SEC 450	Clinical Practices in Secondary Teaching II ¹
SEC 490	Student Teaching (3 credit hours)
SMED 470	Project-Based Instruction
SPS 399	Independent Study in Professional Studies
Category V: Culminating Course (Repeatable three times)	

Students must complete this 0-3 credit hour course prior to graduation: 0-3

SPS 495	Workplace Readiness and Professionalism
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Total Hours 12-15

* Students may petition the certificate director to use current and future WKU courses to satisfy any Category. A grade of 'C' or better is required in all courses.

¹ Each of these courses lists prerequisites that are already required in our undergraduate programs.

² Each of these courses lists prerequisites that could require additional coursework by the student. It is important to note that the prerequisite statement also includes "or permission of instructor."