

Financial Aid for Post-Bachelor's Students

Eligible Program Exceptions

You are considered a post-bachelor's degree student if you have already earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited school. Ordinarily, you must be enrolled in a degree program in order to receive federal financial aid. There are three exceptions to this requirement. As a post-baccalaureate student, you may be eligible for [Stafford and/or Parent PLUS loans](#) in the following instances:

- Taking prerequisite coursework necessary for full admission to an eligible program, *or*
- You are enrolled in courses required for elementary or secondary teacher certification or re-certification, *or*
- You are enrolled in an approved post-bachelor certificate program.

TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

1. To receive financial aid, you must complete the annual **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.fafsa.ed.gov. See our [webpage](#) for more information about the aid process.
2. You must also submit the Eligible Program Exception Status & Plan of Work Form signed by an advisor.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- You must be enrolled at least half-time (six credits) to be eligible for federal student loans.
- **Coursework that does NOT qualify for a loan:**
Courses taken for the sole purpose of raising your grade point average for admission, other non-required courses that you elect to take, and optional courses that you elect to take for professional recognition or advancement, or that Wayne State University recommends, do not qualify for a loan.

Prerequisite Course Work

- You are taking courses as prerequisites for admission to an undergraduate, graduate or professional program at Wayne State University. *Example:* You already have received a bachelor's degree, but you need an additional 12 hours of specialized undergraduate coursework to enroll in a graduate program.
- You may be eligible for a Stafford or Parent PLUS loan for one consecutive 12-month period, beginning the first day of the loan period in which you receive loans.

Teacher Certification

- The courses must be required for elementary or secondary Michigan teacher certification or re-certification.
- Eligibility for loans is not limited to 12 consecutive months; however, we require updated documentation each academic year.

Other Approved Post-Bachelor Certificate Programs

- If the loan period is less than one academic year, the loan amounts will be prorated.
 - Post-Bachelor Certificate Programs include the following: Post-Bachelor Certificate in Accounting, Post-Bachelor Certificate in Computer Science, Post-Bachelor Certificate in Dietetics, Post-Bachelor Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science, Post-Bachelor Certificate in Forensic Investigation.
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2011-12 Eligible Program Exception Status Form

Name: _____ 9-digit Student ID# _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____ WSU E-Mail Address: _____

Program and Plan of Work

TEACHER CERTIFICATION: This student is admitted to the **teacher certification program** and will enroll in the following courses, which are **required for elementary or secondary Michigan teacher certification or re-certification.**

POST-BACHELOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: This student is admitted to a post-bachelor certificate program and will enroll in the following required courses.

Approved Program:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Bachelor Certificate in Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Bachelor Certificate in Computer Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Bachelor Certificate in Dietetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Bachelor Certificate in Clinical Laboratory Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Bachelor Certificate in Forensic Investigation | |

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK: This student will enroll in the following courses as prerequisites to admission into an eligible program. ***Courses taken for the sole purpose of raising the grade point average for admission do not qualify for a loan.***

Program: _____ Graduate Degree Undergraduate Degree Teacher Certification

Plan of Work:

Fall 2011 Courses

Winter 2012 Courses

Spring Summer 2012 Courses

Student is expected to complete the program: _____
SEMESTER YEAR

Signature of Advisor or Certifying Official

Title

Date

Print Name

Phone #

Email



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