Admissions to the Certificate in Bioinformatics at the Graduate Level have been suspended as of spring 2019 and will be discontinued as of spring 2022. If you have any questions, please contact the department (admission@biostat.wisc.edu).

Bioinformatics is the application of computational and statistical methods to molecular biology. In the realm of biological and medical science, bioinformatics is a central discipline and is placing a new demand on the training of graduate students and other scientists in the biological and computer sciences.

The educational objective of the graduate certificate program in bioinformatics is to provide added formal training for graduate students currently enrolled at UW–Madison to improve their fundamental skills in bioinformatics. The goal is to allow them to have enough basic knowledge to continue their own research and to collaborate with computer scientists specializing in bioinformatics methods.

**ADMISSIONS**

The Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics is the administrative home of the bioinformatics certificate program.

You must be currently enrolled in a graduate program at UW–Madison.

To apply for the certificate program you must provide the following:

- A completed Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics Application Form (https://www.biostat.wisc.edu/sites/default/files/Application.pdf)
- A Statement of Purpose explaining how the certificate program will help your current and future research
- A CV/resume
- One letter of recommendation

Please submit the listed materials to Beth Bierman, graduate coordinator, bbierman@wisc.edu

For additional information about the certificate program, see Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics (https://www.biostat.wisc.edu/content/graduate-certificate-bioinformatics)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

**REQUIREMENTS**

The Graduate/Professional Certificate in Bioinformatics consists of four courses for a total of 12 credits. Three of the courses are required; one is an elective. Depending on their course and/or research load, students are given two years to complete the program.

**Prerequisites:**

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**Basic Course Requirements:**

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Complete BOTH of these courses:

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Choose ONE elective:

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1 Or COMP SCI 367 - Intro to Data Structures prior to fall 2018.