The Graduate/Professional Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics is a companion certificate to the established collaborative online M.S. in Applied Biotechnology (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/cell-regenerative-biology/applied-biotechnology-ms/). All courses are presented fully online asynchronous format by instructors from seven UW campuses.

All students enrolled in M.S. in Applied Biotechnology are eligible to add the Graduate/Professional Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics to their coursework. The courses in the Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics may be taken concurrently with other M.S. in Applied Biotechnology courses. The Certificate courses may not take the place of the track courses (QA/Regulatory, R&D, Business) within the M.S. in Applied Biotechnology program.

**ADMISSIONS**

This Graduate/Professional Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics program is only for degree-seeking graduate students enrolled in the M.S. in Applied Biotechnology program.

Applications are accepted year-round.

- Applications are accepted for Fall through July 15
- Applications are accepted for Spring through December 15
- Applications are accepted for Summer through April 15

Incoming Applied Biotechnology M.S. students may apply to the Applied Bioinformatics Certificate.

Students enrolled in the M.S. in Applied Biotechnology program who are in good standing with the program (average GPA 3.0 or greater) are able to add the Applied Bioinformatics Graduate Certificate to their coursework.

To declare the certificate, please contact the program advisor listed under "Contact Information".

**FUNDING**

Students enrolled in the Graduate/Professional Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics as part of their M.S. in Applied Biotechnology Program are eligible for federal financial aid.

Students enrolled in Graduate/Professional Certificate in Applied Bioinformatics program are not permitted to accept any research, project, or teaching assistantship positions that would waive tuition or provide tuition remission.

Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to discuss federal loan programs and other lending opportunities.

Students should also reach out to their companies to ask about continuing education and professional development support.

**REQUIREMENTS**

**Minimum Residence Credits: 12**

- All of the graduate/professional certificate credits must be earned “in residence” (which includes distance-delivered courses) at UW-Madison.

- Students must earn a B (minimum GPA of 3.000) or above on all graduate/professional certificate coursework.

- Courses in which a student elects the pass/fail option will not count toward completion of requirements.

**Required Coursework: 12 credits**

Completion of twelve credits is required for the certificate. A description of the requirements is provided below.

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**POLICIES**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES**

The Graduate School’s Academic Policies and Procedures (https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES**

Take advantage of the Graduate School’s professional development resources (https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Demonstrate professional and scientific communication appropriate for biotechnology settings
2. Evaluate diverse analytical methods and technologies and their applications in bioinformatics
3. Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of organizational processes and product development pipelines and the data generated throughout
The Graduate Certificate in Bioinformatics is an enhancement to the M.S. in Applied Biotechnology Program. Courses are taught in collaboration by faculty from seven University of Wisconsin campuses: UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, and UW-Whitewater.

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