

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH CERTIFICATE

The Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research is a 15-credit course sequence that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical applications and field-based experiences. Although this certificate is housed in the College of Education, students from all disciplines are welcome to apply.

NOTE: This certificate is not a credential for teacher certification/licensure.

Admissions

In addition to the minimum Graduate School admission requirements, to be considered for regular admission, an application must include:

1. Statement of Purpose focusing on the student's goals in pursuing a Qualitative Research certificate;
2. Writing sample, involving qualitative research, submitted directly to the department for faculty consideration;
3. Student must either be enrolled in a doctoral program or have a master's degree

It is recommended to apply after successful completion of BER 630 Qualitative Case Study Research or BER 631 Inquiry as Interpretation: Qualitative Research I with a grade of B or better.

Certificate completion will be monitored by the assigned certificate program advisor.

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

Curricular Requirements

Code and Title	Hours
Course Requirements	
BER 632 Reflect Resist: Qual II	3
BER 633 Ethics & Aesthc:Qual III	3
BER 687 Field Work Educ Research	3
TWO elective BER Qualitative Research courses, which may include:	6
BER 630 Qual Case Study Research	
BER 634 Narrative Inquiry	
BER 635 Materialist Theories in Qual	
BER 636 Qualitative Interviewing	
BER 637 Arts-Based Research	
BER 638 Social Justice in Qual	
BER 695 Spec Top in Ed Research (with a qualitative research focus)	
Total Hours	15

Certificate Completion Requirements:

1. All course requirements listed above, with a grade of B or better, and successful completion of BER 687 Field Work Educ Research
2. Capstone Presentation in the Department of Educational Studies Annual Southeastern Universities Graduate Research Symposium (SUGRS)

Transfer Credit

Graduate School information on Transfer Credit.

Time Limit for Certificate Completion Requirements

Coursework must be completed within six (6) years.

Graduate School information on Time Limits.

Academic Misconduct Information

Graduate School information on Academic Misconduct.

Withdrawals and Leave of Absence Information

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Academic Grievances Information

Graduate School information on Academic Grievances.

Grades and Academic Standing

Graduate School information on Grades and Academic Standing.