

# Graduate Certificate Programs



## Applied Communication

The certificate in Applied Communication provides a background in the theories and concepts of communication in order to develop professional goals. The certificate will provide the knowledge to work successfully in business, health care, human services, educational, and media organizations.

### Program of Study

COMM 7011	Foundations of Communication Study	3 S.H.
COMM 8011	Interpersonal Communication	3 S.H.
COMM 8013	Applied Rhetoric	3 S.H.
	3 electives	9 S.H.
	<b>Total for Certificate</b>	<b>18 S.H.</b>

### Certificate of Achievement

Students must complete 18 credit hours required course work in Applied Communication

## Educational Technology

### Program Objectives

This program offers educators and administrators the necessary skills to utilize computer technology in the practice of teaching and program administration. This program stresses the use of the computer as both a teaching tool and as a means to examine curricula and teaching effectiveness.

### Program of Study

A total of 15 semester hours of designated credits must be earned and a cumulative average of 3.0 maintained in the program to be eligible for the certificate. This program may be applied to any of the Master's degree or CAGS programs in Education.

### Course Requirements

ETEC 7600	Impact of Technology on Education	3 S.H.
ETEC 7700	A Graphics Approach to Technology	3 S.H.
ETEC 7800	Using the Computer as a Research Tool	3 S.H.
ETEC 8600	Computers and Writing	3 S.H.
ETEC 9200	Project in Educational Technology	3 S.H.
	<b>Total for Certificate</b>	<b>15 S.H.</b>

## Fine Arts Director

### Program Objectives

The program is designed for those responsible for the supervision of fine arts programs or teachers moving into such areas of responsibility.

### Program of Study

The Fine Arts Director Certificate Program consists of four graduate courses. Applications are invited from individuals holding a valid Teaching Certificate in one of the arts.

The certificate program courses may be applied toward the CAGS Program in Educational Leadership and Management, the MED in Arts Education or the Interdisciplinary CAGS.

### Certificate Courses

CRAR 9051	Supervising, Directing and Leading in Arts Education I	3 S.H.
CRAR 9052	Supervising, Directing and Leading in Arts Education II	3 S.H.
CRAR 9060	Creative Arts Research	3 S.H.
CRAR 9070	Creative Arts Curriculum Development and Application	3 S.H.
	<b>Total for Certificate</b>	<b>12 S.H.</b>

### Admissions Resources

E-mail: [gceadvisor@fsc.edu](mailto:gceadvisor@fsc.edu)

Web site: [www.fsc.edu/gce](http://www.fsc.edu/gce)

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## Forensic Nursing

### Program Objectives

This program provides an opportunity for advanced practice nurses who hold a master's degree in nursing from accredited programs to acquire specialization in forensic nursing. Forensic nursing is the application of nursing science to public or legal proceedings and the integration of the forensic aspects of health care with the bio-psycho-social education of the professional nurse. Students are prepared to deal with the prevention, scientific investigation, and treatment of victims of trauma and/or death as well as the investigation and treatment of perpetrators of abuse, violence, criminal activity, and traumatic accidents. This program is offered completely online.

### Program Description

The student in forensic nursing:

- is cross-trained in the principles and philosophies of nursing science, forensic science, and criminal justice
- assumes a mutual responsibility with law enforcement agencies and the courts in protecting the legal, civil, and human rights of victims of violent crimes, as well as the rights of perpetrators

### Program Requirements

The program consists of specialized courses in forensic nursing and related courses for a total of 21 credits. Four of the nursing courses contain a clinical/laboratory component, including a more extensive practicum.

### Program of Study

#### Required cognates

NURS 8410	Criminal Law: Substantive and Procedural	3 S.H.
NURS 8500	Forensic Science and Technology	3 S.H.
	Subtotal	6 S.H.

#### Required nursing courses

NURS 8000	Introduction to Forensic Nursing	3 S.H.
NURS 8130	*Scientific Foundations for Forensic Nursing Interventions	3 S.H.
NURS 8200	*Forensic Nursing: Caring for Victims and Perpetrators I	3 S.H.
NURS 8300	*Forensic Nursing: Caring for Victims and Perpetrators II	3 S.H.
NURS 9500	*Practicum in Forensic Nursing	3 S.H.
	Subtotal	15 S.H.
	<b>Total for Certificate</b>	<b>21 S.H.</b>

\* These courses have a clinical component for a total of 360 hours.

## Leadership in Outdoor-Based Adventure Education

### Program Description

The Certificate in Leadership in Outdoor-based Adventure Education is a 15 credit graduate program comprised of 5 courses. The curriculum consists of a multi-disciplinary program designed for working professionals (ex. educators, youth workers, camp counselors, therapists, social workers, recreation directors, and others) who are interested in complementing their existing practices with

an experiential-based approach to learning. Using the outdoors and the natural world as a resource, students develop familiarity and competencies in a variety of activities and skills associated with the field of Adventure Education.

### Program of Study

EXSS 7000	Foundations of Outdoor-based Adventure Education	3 S.H.
EXSS 7500	Programs in Outdoor-based Adventure Education	3 S.H.
EXSS 8000	Essential Skills in Outdoor-based Adventure Ed.	3 S.H.
EXSS 9000	Leadership in Outdoor-based Adventure Education	3 S.H.
EXSS 9500	Internship Experience in Outdoor-based Adventure Education	3 S.H.
	<b>Total for Certificate</b>	<b>15 S.H.</b>

## Certificate in Reading Specialist (Initial License Only)

Initial teaching license and master's degree required (this program does not lead to a master's degree)

### Program Description

This program has as its focus preparation in the area of reading and reading disabilities. It defines the knowledge and skills necessary for effective assessment, instruction and leadership in the field of reading. Licensure tracks respond to the needs of school districts by preparing specialists in leadership roles, as well as to the needs of students with a wide range of abilities.

Certificate in Reading Specialist (Initial License Only) (without M.Ed for those who already hold a master's). Initial license in early childhood, elementary, middle school, or special education is required for entry into this track.

### Program of Study

SPED 8300	Language Development, Differences and Disorders	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 7016	Understanding the Structure of the English Language	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 7017	The Psychology of Reading	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 8017	Specialized Reading Approaches	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 8018	Reading Disabilities and the Assessment of Reading	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 8019	The Assessment of Writing Skills and Writing Disabilities	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 9102	The Reading Specialist: Leadership Roles	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 9101	Practicum: Reading Specialist	3 S.H.
SPED/READ 9104	Reading Specialist Practicum Seminar	3 S.H.
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>27 S.H.</b>