

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH, GRADUATE 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.

Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research

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

How to Apply:

1. Apply through the Graduate School's online application center.
2. Select the Qualitative Research Certificate Program when applying.
3. Submit additional application materials to the appropriate e-mail address indicated on the Qualitative Research Program's website: qualresearch.ua.edu.

Additional application materials include:

1. Statement of Purpose focusing on the student's goals in pursuing a Qualitative Research certificate;
2. Writing sample submitted directly to the department for faculty consideration

General Requirements:

- Student must have a Master's degree in education (or a related field) and be accepted to the Qualitative Research non-degree certificate program by the Graduate School and departmental faculty.
- Applications will consist of evidence of holding a Master's degree, a statement of purpose, and writing sample. It is recommended to apply after successful completion of BER 631 Inqry As Interp: Qual I with a grade of B or better.
- Student must successfully complete the minimum of 15 required hours.
- Certificate completion will be monitored by the assigned certificate program advisor.

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 Material Turn in Qual	
BER 636 Qualitative Interviewing	
BER 637 Arts-Based Research	
BER 695 Spec Top in Ed Research (with a qualitative research focus)	
Total Hours	15

Certificate Completion Requirements:

1. All courses listed above.
2. Capstone Presentation in the Department of Educational Studies Annual Graduate Research Symposium.

Time Limit: 6 Years.