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A **certificate** is a stand-alone program that showcases your proficiency in a specific subject. Certificate programs consist typically of 4 courses for graduate students and 6 courses for undergraduate students. When you complete a certificate program, it will be reflected on your official transcripts as the certificate is conferred. Since this is an official program, you are required to meet admission requirements and you may be able to use Financial Aid to cover the cost of your certificate courses.

A **Certificate of Completion** is a set of courses (typically 4 courses for graduate level and 5 courses for undergraduate level) that CSU Global has put together to help you advance your professional development. Once finished with these courses, you can request a printed copy of your Certificate of Completion, or a transcript showing you've taken these courses. Since these courses are not considered an official program, you are unable to use Financial Aid to cover the cost of the courses unless they are part of a degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate degree.

Please click below for more information on available Certificates, including downloadable Program Sheets!

- [Undergraduate Certificates](#)
- [Graduate Certificates](#)

Please speak with your Student Success Counselor about Certificates of Completion.

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