

# Certificates language for Catalogue

Following language adapted from the language about minors on page 36 of [the 2020-2021 WOU catalogue pdf](#).

This is student-facing and is more a summary of policies established elsewhere, rather than a policy statement in and of itself.

## Certificates

Certificates enable students to learn specific skills or knowledge, and are often career-focused in intent. Students should consult with their academic adviser about effective pathways toward realizing the educational opportunities and degree they desire.

Certificates may allow students to do any or all of the following:

- Prepare for a career
- Gain specialized skills and knowledge in a specific area related to employment or professional development
- Present potential or current employers with proof of specific skills and knowledge on their WOU transcript