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General Education Pathway Certificates

Pathway certificates take a cross-disciplinary approach to incorporate the spirit of the general education curriculum, with a focus on specific themes, concepts, and content areas. Each pathway is 12 credits, 9 of which must come from Gen Ed courses with different prefixes. Pathways provide students with additional opportunities to apply information and learning approaches across multiple disciplines. Pathway certificates are completed at the student's discretion and do not take the place of other general education requirements.

Available General Education Pathway Certificates

Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Pathway is designed to foster civic engagement and a commitment to the public good. Through pathway courses, students become involved in community projects designed to meet authentic public needs. Such projects may include direct service, advocacy, research, and/or community organizing. Community-engaged learning's basis in experience is essential to courses in this pathway; students engage in projects where the learning is augmented by performing activities in community with others, and in reflecting on those activities. Engagement with the community is also connected to curricular goals through critical reflection on the root structural issues and ethical dilemmas faced by citizens in our diverse society.

Global Awareness

The Global Awareness Pathway Certificate program is designed to provide West Chester University students with an understanding of their role as global citizens. A global citizen is defined as a person who possesses the competencies - knowledge, skills, and attitudes - to be an engaged, responsible and effective citizen while living in a globally interdependent society. Via all forms of technology, students have easy access to a world of information. However, they still need to be guided through the process of discovery so that a deeper understanding of their own place in the world is more fully developed.

Sustainability

The Sustainability Pathway Certificate enables students to become competent, engaged leaders in a world that faces unprecedented threats and opportunities. To thrive in this context, students will need to understand the many facets of our sustainability challenges while applying their learning in local and global contexts, all in the service of a positive vision of the future.

More Information

The course requirements for each pathway certificate can be found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) (under **Pathway Certificates**).

How Can I Add for a Pathway Certificate?

You can add a pathway certificate through your myWCU. [Click here](#) for directions.