

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
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Change of Post-Baccalaureate Study options

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1. **Delete:** On page http://catalog.unca.edu/content.php?catoid=9&navoid=499#Post-Baccalaureate_Study:

Post-Baccalaureate Study

Those who hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution have three options for further credentials from UNCA:

Second Baccalaureate Degree

This student is considered a transfer student, even if the initial degree was earned at UNC Asheville, and must meet all the conditions of transfer students, with the additional stipulation that at least two-thirds of the courses required in the major department must be taken at UNC Asheville. Approval of the proposed program must be given by the department chair. A bachelor's degree is awarded. Students with a B.A. from UNC Asheville may not earn a second B.A. from the university, but may earn a B.S. or complete requirements for a second major. Students with a B.S. from UNC Asheville may not earn a second B.S. from UNC Asheville, but may earn a B.A. or complete requirements for a second major.

Post-Baccalaureate Major

The university grants a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate of Major to those who have already received a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution other than UNC Asheville. The certificate is awarded for work done in a major program different from that for which the baccalaureate degree was awarded. Students enrolling for this certificate must complete all the requirements for a major at UNC Asheville, including prerequisites, correlate courses, the demonstration of competency required for the major, and a second language (if a specific language is required for the major). Normally, a minimum of 30 semester hours is required for this certificate. These hours must be earned after the initial baccalaureate degree is awarded. Additionally, at least two-thirds of the courses required in the major department must be taken at UNC Asheville. Students must officially declare the major, and approval of the proposed program must be given by the department chair. In order to have the Certificate of Major recorded on the transcript, students must notify the Registrar when the last required course is in progress.

Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree

The Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree is a broad interdisciplinary, liberal studies program at the graduate level. It focuses on the theme The Human Condition, exploring human nature, human values and the quality of human life. This degree program is designed for college-educated adults seeking intellectual stimulation and personal growth. See [Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) for a full description of the program and application procedures.

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Students enrolling for a second degree must complete at least 30 semester hours and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the requirements for a major at UNC Asheville, including prerequisites, correlate courses, and the demonstration of competency required for the major. For students whose first degree was earned at UNC Asheville, these hours must be earned after the initial baccalaureate degree is awarded.

Graduate Certificate Program

The Graduate Certification program provides opportunities for professionals to earn certificates in specialized areas of study. See [Graduate Certificates](#) for a full description of the certificate options and application procedures.

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Impact: Eliminate the post-baccalaureate certificate of major as an option for post-baccalaureate study at UNC Asheville.

Rationale: General Administration (GA) is reviewing all certificate programs. If we continue to offer the "post-baccalaureate certificate of major" as is, GA will require it to be classified as a stand-alone certificate program. There are significant SACS implications for stand-alone certificate programs, including separate assessment of learning outcomes and job placement statistics.

Additionally, Post-Baccalaureate students have already completed a general education program and do not need to complete another one. UNC Asheville is already pressed to ensure that students seeking a first baccalaureate degree can enroll in LAC requirements in a timely manner and we should not add to that pressure by requiring our LAC requirements for students who have already completed general education at their previous institution.