

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH, CERTIFICATE

Admission Criteria

Applicants with a Master's degree (or the international equivalent) from an accredited college or university should submit the following materials to be considered for admission to the certificate program:

- USC Graduate School application form;
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume;
- A statement of purpose that expresses the applicant's specific interest in the Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research, details their professional goals, and outlines a relevant and well-defined career path;
- Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate coursework;
- Two letters of recommendation from professors or employers.

Previously submitted application materials will be accepted for post-Master's students in good academic standing enrolled in any terminal degree program within the University system; however, a new statement of purpose must be submitted to the Graduate School. In addition, via the online application page, students should complete an "Update Request Form" through which they may request concurrent enrollment in a second program. A letter from faculty in both the certificate program and the student's home program supporting their concurrent enrollment is also required by the Graduate School.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all required application materials have been received. Applicants should list "Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research" on the application form under degree pursued. The Program accepts applications on a rolling basis (students may begin the Program during the fall or spring semester).