

# QUALITATIVE RESEARCH, CERTIFICATE

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## Certificate Requirements (18 Hours)

The certificate program consists of 18 semester credit hours of course work. All of the required hours in the program must be in courses at the 700-level or above. 9 hours must come from the following courses in the College of Education:

### Coursework

Course	Title	Credits
EDFI 730	Qualitative Epistemologies, Paradigms, & Theories	3
EDFI 731	Qualitative Inquiry	3
<b>Advanced Qualitative Offerings</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
EDFI 832	Educational Biography	
EDFI 833	Narrative Inquiry	
EDFI 834	Participatory Action Research	
EDFI 836	Ethnography and Education	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

## Additional Requirements

Where appropriate 6 hours, and with the approval of the Certificate coordinator, other courses may be substituted for these required courses.

An additional 6 hours of elective courses in qualitative research are chosen based on the student's interest. These elective courses, which require approval by the Certificate coordinator, may be taken in the College of Education, in other university units, or by transfer credit. The final three hours of coursework, selected with the Certificate coordinator, must include a public presentation of a culminating project.

Up to 6 semester hours of graduate credit with grades of B or better may be transferred from another institution into the certificate program; however, these hours must be approved by the Certificate coordinator, must come from an accredited institution, and must be no more than six years old at the time of graduation. Please contact the Certificate coordinator with any questions.

Certificate students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all USC courses taken for graduate credit. Any grade lower than a "B" in a certificate course will make the student academically ineligible for certification. There is no residence requirement, but all courses must be completed within six years of enrollment.