

## JSU GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

**Q:** What Graduate Certificate Programs are offered at JSU?

**A:** There are 5 Graduate Certificate Programs. All programs are federal financial aid eligible, at this time, with the exception of Nursing Education.

**Emergency Management:** This certificate provides students with graduate level instruction in Homeland Security, and balances conceptual knowledge in emergency management with skill acquisition in crisis management, hazard assessment and other analytic and management skills.

**Environmental Science Management:** This certificate focuses on the application of biological, chemical, and physical principles to the study of the physical environment and the solution of environmental problems, including subjects such as abating or controlling environmental pollution and degradation; the interaction between human society and the natural environment; and natural resources management.

**Geographical Information Systems** (formerly Spatial Analysis): This certificate focuses on the systematic study of map-making and the application of mathematical, computer, and other techniques to the analysis of large amounts of geographic data and the science of mapping geographic information.

**Nursing Education:** The graduate certificate program in nursing education is designed to prepare nurses to teach in nursing and health professional programs, health care institutions and agencies, and in the community. The certificate provides nurses with essential knowledge and skills about teaching, program development, evaluation, clinical instruction, and other aspects of the educational process in nursing.

**Sport Management:** This certificate prepares individuals to apply business, coaching and physical education principles to the organization, administration and management of athletic programs and teams, fitness/rehabilitation facilities and health clubs, sport recreation services, and related services.

**Q:** How much will a JSU Graduate Certificate Program cost me?

**A:** Tuition and fee costs are per credit hour based on the approved amounts set forth by the JSU Board of Trustees. Books and supplies are estimated on the amounts based on the average cost of \$150.00 per class. Room and board costs are estimated based on the average rates of JSU Housing and required meal plan.

For 2011-2012, tuition and fee rates are dependent upon the type of class a student enrolls and residence per credit hour. A JSU Graduate Admissions Application Fee in the amount of \$30 is charged upon application. Tuition rates are listed below:

Traditional class, in-state student = \$336 per credit hour

Traditional class, out-of-state student = \$672 per credit hour

Distance Learning, all students = \$423 per credit hour

<b>Certificate Program</b>	<b>Credit Hours Required</b>	<b>Traditional Class, In-State</b>	<b>Traditional Class, Out-Of-State</b>	<b>Distance Learning, All Students</b>
Emergency Management	15	\$5,070.00	\$10,110.00	\$6,375.00
Environmental Science Management	15	\$5,070.00	\$10,110.00	\$6,375.00
Geographical Information Systems	15	\$5,070.00	\$10,110.00	\$6,375.00
Nursing Education	12	\$4,062.00	\$8094.00	\$5,106.00
Sport Management	15 – 16	\$5,070.00 – \$5,406.00	\$10,110.00 – \$10,782.00	\$6,375.00 – 6,798.00

<b>Certificate Program</b>	<b>Number of Required Courses</b>	<b>Estimated Book Costs</b>
Emergency Management	5	\$750.00
Environmental Science Management	5	\$750.00
Geographical Information Systems	5	\$750.00
Nursing Education	4	\$600.00
Sport Management	5	\$750.00

<b>JSU Residence Hall and Board</b>	\$6,328.00
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**Q:** What are my financing options to pay for the program?

**A:** JSU Graduate Certificate Students are eligible for Federal Direct Stafford (Subsidized and Unsubsidized) and Graduate PLUS Loans\*, private education loans and Jacksonville State University's Payment Plan.

\*Nursing Education students are not eligible for Federal Direct Stafford or Graduate PLUS Loans.

25 percent of certificate completers used loans to finance their education. The **median** debt for program completers:

<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>	<b>MEDIAN DEBT</b>
Federal Student Loans	\$0.00
Private Educational Loans	\$0.00
Jacksonville State Institutional Financing	\$0.00

**Q:** How long will it take me to complete the JSU Graduate Certificate Program?

**A:** These programs are designed to take 12 months to complete (6 – 9 credit hours per semester for 1 academic year/3 semesters.) The actual number of months is dependent upon the number of classes a student enrolls and successfully completes per semester.

<b>CERTIFICATE PROGRAM</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF COMPLETERS THAT FINISHED IN 12 MONTHS</b>
Emergency Management	32%
Environmental Science Management	0%
Geographical Information Systems	50%
Nursing Education	69%
Sport Management	100%

**Q:** What types of jobs might I be eligible to apply for?

**A:**

<b>CERTIFICATE PROGRAM</b>	<b>TYPE OF JOBS/SOC CODE/LINK TO ONET</b>
Emergency Management	<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Emergency+Management">http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Emergency+Management</a>
Environmental Science Management	<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Environmental+Science+Management">http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Environmental+Science+Management</a>
Geographical Information Systems	<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Geographical+Information+Systems">http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Geographical+Information+Systems</a>
Nursing Education	<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Nursing+Education">http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Nursing+Education</a>
Sport Management	<a href="http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Sport+Management">http://www.onetonline.org/find/quick?s=Sport+Management</a>

**Q:** Will I be able to pay back my student loans?

**A:** The percentages below are based on students in repayment who are not in default or have student loans for their programs in deferment, forbearance, in grace, in origination or have not gone into repayment of a Federal Student Loan.

<b>CERTIFICATE PROGRAM</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK OUT FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS WHO ARE SUCCESSFULLY REPAYING THEM</b>
Emergency Management	25%
Environmental Science Management	100%
Geographical Information Systems	20%
Nursing Education	NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL LOANS
Sport Management	0%