Whether an individual is seeking to advance in his or her organization, start a business, or simply upgrade his or her skills in a current position, a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Instructional Design and Technology (IDT) from Western Illinois University can play an important role in helping achieve professional goals. Almost all the post-baccalaureate certificate programs have just five courses, so the students can finish in two years or less. Students can tailor their coursework to their specific career goals through six customized study options. Each option provides students with the opportunity to master specialized technology and skills so they can adapt and excel in an increasingly complex and technological work environment.

**Admissions**

The Department of Instructional Design and Technology requires that all applicants meet the guidelines established by Western’s School of Graduate Studies. Applicants for admission to post-baccalaureate certificate programs must hold a bachelor’s degree from an institution that is accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency. Application for admission must be made through forms obtained from the School of Graduate Studies online at wiu.edu/grad. Applicants must request the Registrar of the college or university granting their highest degree to send a statement of degree or official transcript showing the degree and date it was conferred directly to the School of Graduate Studies.

The work for the certificate must be completed within three calendar years. A cumulative 3.0 grade point average for all coursework is required for completion of the certificate, with no more than 3 sh of a “C” grade. No course with a grade of “D” or less may be used to satisfy certificate requirements. Upon completion of certificate requirements, the student will file an Application for Certificate Completion form with the Graduate School.

**Financial Aid**

The Financial Aid office assists eligible students in meeting their education-related expenses while attending the University. Assistance is provided through loans, scholarships, and student employment. The Financial Aid office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. To schedule an appointment, call (309) 298-2446.

**Facilities**

The IDT department, located in Horrabin Hall, has some of the most advanced instructional technologies available in the Midwest. IDT facilities include an advanced computer lab complex, interactive multimedia and CD-ROM/DVD production lab, electronic classrooms, video/audio production and editing facilities, fully equipped photographic darkrooms and processing labs, as well as Internet-based two-way video and interactivity.

**Online Learning**

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program is designed to fit the busy lifestyle of the working professional. Classes are offered either online, in the evening, or in a weekend format. The online format allows students to take the classes when they have the time to fit them into their schedule; students are able to access their coursework day and night.

**Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Requirements**

**Online and Distance Learning Development**

- IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
- IDT 515 Telecommunications and Distance Learning (3 sh)
- IDT 516 Internet Resources for Education and Training (3 sh)
- *IDT 538 Imaging Technology (3 sh)
- *IDT 545 Instructional Web Development or
- IDT 560 Visual Literacy (3 sh)

Total: 15 sh

**Educational Technology Specialist**

- IDT 505 Foundations of Instructional Technology (3 sh)
- IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
- IDT 517 Classroom Integration of the Internet and Multimedia (3 sh)
- IDT 529 Integration of Computer-Based Technology in Schools (3 sh)
- IDT 534 Technology Issues and Professional Development for Educators (3 sh)
IDT 539 Hardware, Operating Systems, and Networking in the Schools (3 sh)
IDT 595 Technology Planning and Research (3 sh)
EIS 500 Research Methods (3 sh)
**Total: 24 sh**

**Graphic Applications**
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
*IDT 530 Graphics Applications in Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 535 Photographic Applications in Education and Training or
IDT 560 Visual Literacy (3 sh)
*IDT 538 Imaging Technology (3 sh)
*IDT 561 Instructional Simulations and Gaming or
**IDT 433G Instructional 3D Modeling and Animation (3 sh)
**Total: 15 sh

** Multimedia**
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
*IDT 512 Instructional Development for Business and Training or
IDT 536 Video Production for Multimedia or
*IDT 537 Instructional Video Production (3 sh)
*IDT 538 Imaging Technology (3 sh)
*IDT 540 Interactive Multimedia Development (3 sh)
*IDT 541 Advanced Interactive Multimedia Development (3 sh)
**Total: 15 sh

**Technology Integration in Education**
IDT 505 Foundations of Instructional Technology (3 sh)
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 516 Internet Resources for Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 529 Integration of Computer-Based Technology in Schools (3 sh)
IDT 534 Technology Issues and Professional Development for Educators (3 sh)
**Total: 15 sh

**Workplace Learning and Performance**
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 532 Fundamentals of Performance Technology for Instructional Designers and Technologists (3 sh)
*IDT 540 Interactive Multimedia Development or
*IDT 545 Instructional Web Development (3 sh)
IDT 550 Advanced Instructional Design or
*IDT 541 Advanced Interactive Multimedia Development (3 sh)
IDT 565 Management of Instructional Technology (3 sh)
**Total: 15 sh

*Weekend courses (Some of these courses may be offered online on alternating semesters.)

**IDT at Western Illinois University**
The IDT department offers six post-baccalaureate certificate programs that combine up-to-date knowledge with practical applications and individualized experiences. The aim of the program is to facilitate professional growth in technology and related abilities in problem-solving and systematic planning. Transfer credit is not accepted into certificate programs. Courses taken while working on this certificate can be counted as electives toward a Master of Science degree in IDT. Students who wish to pursue this option while working on the certificate should state such intention so they can receive proper advising. Successful completion of the certificate program does not guarantee admission into the IDT master’s degree program.

**Contact Information**
For admissions process and general program information, contact the School of Graduate Studies, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 298-1806, (877) WIU GRAD toll-free, Grad-Office@wiu.edu, wiu.edu/grad.

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