



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeffrey S. Russell
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FROM: Shane Maloney
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SUBJECT: Title IV Eligibility for Students Enrolled in Capstone Certificate Programs

This memorandum is to announce the re-establishment of Title IV eligibility for students enrolled in a select group of capstone certificates at UW-Madison. The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) presented the capstone certificates to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to review, and UW-Madison is now approved to offer federal financial aid to students enrolled in the following programs:

- Capstone Certificate in Computer Sciences
- Capstone Certificate in Power Conversion and Control
- Capstone Certificate in Foundations of Professional Development
- Capstone Certificate in Consumer Health Advocacy
- Capstone Certificate in Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Capstone Certificate in Fundamentals of Clinical Research
- Capstone Certificate in Clinical & Community Outcomes
- Capstone Certificate in Infant, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health
- Capstone Certificate in Clinical Nutrition
- Capstone Certificate in Clinical Nutrition Dietetic Internship
- Capstone Certificate Post Graduate Psychiatric Nursing
- Capstone Certificate in Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Capstone Certificate Nurse Educator
- Capstone Certificate Global Health
- Capstone Certificate in Actuarial Sciences

Students enrolled in one of the aforementioned capstone certificates who are interested in obtaining access to the available funding must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)). Applicants who meet eligibility requirements will qualify to borrow a Federal Direct Loan up to the graduate or professional student annual loan limit of \$20,500. Students with a cost of attendance beyond that of the annual loan limit are now also able to apply for a Graduate Direct PLUS loan.

OSFA will continue to work with ED regarding Title IV eligibility for students enrolled in the remaining capstone programs along with additional programs as they are introduced.

Our team is also available to assist departments/programs in providing student advising in both group and individualized settings in an effort to guide students to and through the FAFSA filing process and to answer questions related to available aid programs.

Should there be any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at shane.maloney@wisc.edu.

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