

University of Wisconsin

Oshkosh

School of Graduate Studies

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Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing

Graduate Certificates offered by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh are designed to provide students with specialized knowledge and skills to foster personal and professional development. Specifically, the purpose of the Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing is to provide writers with increased access to the university and to the many components of its creative writing program which include graduate writing workshops in poetry, fiction, memoir and autobiography, playwriting, and nature writing; as well as writers-in-residence and the regular reading series at UW Oshkosh. Students will focus their certificate coursework by choosing courses from our creative writing curriculum that meets their needs.

Full Standing Admission Criteria:

- ✓ Minimum 2.75 overall undergraduate grade point average, or a 2.90 grade point average for the last half of the student's baccalaureate program.
- ✓ Probationary Admission will be considered on an individual basis.

To be considered for admission to the certification program, please submit the following materials to the School of Graduate Studies:

1. A completed application form with a \$45.00 application fee.
2. A brief application essay of 250-500 words stating why the student is seeking admission to the certificate program.
3. Official undergraduate transcripts showing completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
4. A 15-20-page manuscript of creative work in any genre(s): poetry, fiction, drama, or nonfiction prose.

Once admitted, students must complete all academic work applying toward the certificate within four years and maintain a minimum 3.00 grade point average throughout the program. After completion of the 15-credit Graduate Certificate in Creative Writing, students will have comprehension of theories, concepts, and methods of writing in areas such as:

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| ✓ Creative Writing: Fiction | ✓ Personal Narratives |
| ✓ Advanced Fiction Writing | ✓ Nature Writing |
| ✓ Creative Writing: Poetry | ✓ American Poetry: Technique and Practice |
| ✓ Autobiography: Theory and Practice | |
| ✓ Creative Writing: Playwriting | |

For additional information and application materials, please contact the English Department at (920) 424-2232 or the School of Graduate Studies at (920) 424-1223.

