

## **POLICY INFORMATION**

The below policy information applies to students enrolled in a Purdue Global graduate program.

## **Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams**

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation. Prospective and current students must review Purdue Global's State Licensure and Certifications (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/about/accreditation/ licensure-state-authorizations/) site to view program and state-specific licensure information.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, and meeting other certification requirements.

Furthermore, states, employers, and various other agencies may require a criminal background check and/or drug check before you take professional licensing, certification, or registration exams. If you have a prior felony conviction or serious misdemeanor, you may be denied the opportunity to take professional licensing, certification, or registration exams. You may also be denied a license or certification to practice in some states, even if the certification or licensing exam is taken and successfully completed. It is your responsibility to inquire with the appropriate agencies or authorities about current requirements prior to enrolling in your program of choice or, if your circumstances change, at that time and at the time of making application for certification or licensure.

## **Employment and Continued Education**

The University's programs are designed to prepare you to pursue employment in your field of study, or in related fields. However, the University does not guarantee that you will be placed in any particular job, eligible for job advancement opportunities, or employed at all. While many of the University's degree programs are designed to prepare you to pursue continued graduate- or doctorate-level education, the University cannot guarantee that you will be granted admission to any graduate or doctoral programs.

## **Graduation Requirements**

To graduate, you must:

- 1. Successfully complete all required courses and other programspecific requirements within the allotted time frame (see the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards (https:// catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/academic-standards/ satisfactory-progress/) section for further information).
- 2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- 3. Have completed the degree program no later than 7 years after completing the first class.
- 4. Attend Career Resources and Financial Aid exit interviews, if applicable.

Note: you may need to fulfill certain prerequisite requirements and, therefore, may be required to take more than the minimum number of credit hours in order to graduate.

Some programs may have additional requirements that must be met. If a program has additional graduation requirements, these can be found in the individual school sections.