The Department of English offers three post-baccalaureate certificates:
(1) Literary Studies
(2) Professional Writing
(3) Teaching Writing
All combine current theoretical perspectives and up-to-date knowledge with practical applications, innovative pedagogical formats, and individualized experiences. The certificates facilitate both professional and personal growth in particular specializations of English studies.

Program Location: Macomb, Quad Cities

Career Opportunities
Post-baccalaureate certificates in Literary Studies or Teaching Writing can enhance the qualifications of high school teachers and professionals seeking adjunct teaching positions in community colleges. Secondary school teachers in Illinois or Iowa may also earn credits toward salary increases awarded for graduate study. The certificate in Professional Writing is designed to help those working in, or pursuing careers in, a variety of fields requiring strong writing skills such as computer web design, desktop publishing, and technical writing. The certificate may be pursued as part of the Master of Arts in English, offering a chance to specialize while pursuing a graduate degree. The certificate in English also offers options for students enrolled in the Master of Liberal Arts and Sciences program in which certificates can meet an elective requirement.

Distinctive Features
Students will work with a faculty supervisor to complete a 3 semester hour (sh) internship in the student’s field of choice or a 3-sh capstone project tailored to the student’s particular interests and goals. Courses may be counted toward a certificate and a Master of Arts in English. Students who wish to earn a certificate and MA simultaneously must notify their faculty mentor or the Director of Graduate Studies in English so they can receive proper advising.

Admission Requirements
An applicant for admission to post-baccalaureate certificate programs must hold a bachelor’s degree from an institution that is accredited by the appropriate U.S. Department of Education regional institutional accrediting agency. Application forms for admission are available from the School of Graduate Studies or 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. Verification of the degree must be sent by the registrar directly to the School of Graduate Studies. Transcripts on file in the Office of the Registrar at WIU will be obtained by Graduate Office personnel.

Certificate Requirements
To earn a certificate in English, students must be admitted into the School of Graduate Studies and have a cumulative 3.0 GPA for all coursework required for completion of the certificate. Transfer work or course substitutions are not allowed in certificate programs. For more information on admission, academic, and completion requirements, please see the School of Graduate Studies website: wiu.edu/graduate_studies/catalog/post_bacc_certificates/index.php.
Each emphasis area in the English post-baccalaureate certificate requires 9 sh of electives and a 3-sh capstone or internship as follows:

**English: Literary Studies**

I. Core Courses (3 sh)
- ENG 622 Internship (3) -or-
- ENG 653 Literary Studies Certificate Capstone (3)

II. Electives (9 sh)
- ENG 400G Topics in Literature (1-3, repeatable for different topics)
- ENG 401G Major Authors (1-3, repeatable for different topics)
- ENG 494G Women and Film (3)
- ENG 530 Forms (3)
- ENG 532 Literature and Place (3)
- ENG 536 Critical and Theoretical Movements in Literary Studies (3)
- ENG 540 Literary Traditions and Influences (3)
- ENG 549 Issues in Literary Studies (3)
- ENG 550 Film Theory (3)
- ENG 554 Research Methods in Literary Studies (3)
- ENG 559 Issues in Disciplinary Studies (3)

**Total = 12 sh**

**English: Professional Writing**

I. Core Courses (3 sh)
- ENG 622 Internship (3) -or-
- ENG 657 Professional Writing Certificate Capstone (3)

II. Electives (9 sh)
- ENG 480G Writing for the Social Web (3)
- ENG 481G Topics in Writing Studies (3)
- ENG 489G Grant & Proposal Writing (3)
- ENG 570 History of Writing Studies (3)
- ENG 574 New Media Studies (3)
- ENG 582 Rhetoric and Composition (3)
- ENG 584 Research Methods in Writing Studies (3)
- ENG 589 Issues in Writing Studies (3)

**Total = 12 sh**

**English: Teaching Writing**

I. Core Courses (3 sh)
- ENG 622 Internship (3) -or-
- ENG 658 Teaching Writing Certificate Capstone (3)

II. Electives (9 sh)
- ENG 480G Writing for the Social Web (3)
- ENG 481G Topics in Writing Studies (3)
- ENG 484G Writing Center Studies (3)
- ENG 552 Pedagogical Issues in English Studies (3)
- ENG 570 History of Writing Studies (3)
- ENG 574 New Media Studies (3)
- ENG 580 Teaching Assistant Colloquium (3)
- ENG 582 Rhetoric and Composition (3)
- ENG 584 Research Methods in Writing Studies (3)
- ENG 589 Issues in Writing Studies (3)

**Total = 12 sh**

**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.

For specific program questions, contact Marjorie Allison, Professor, Director of Graduate Studies in English, Department of English, Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455, (309) 298-1322, MC-Allison@wiu.edu, wiu.edu/english.

“I believe that the experience I have gained while completing the post-baccalaureate certificate in professional writing will be practically applicable to my future goal of entering the publishing world. I have found my book-editing internship to be exceptionally valuable.”

— John Degregorio, post-baccalaureate certificate recipient (emphasis professional writing), Fall 2013