Admissions

The Instructional Design and Technology program at Western Illinois University 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 WIU 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 candidate will file an Application for Certificate Completion form with the graduate school.

Financial Aid

The WIU Financial Aid office assists eligible candidates 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-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (309) 298-2446.

Faculty

Faculty are knowledgeable, professional and committed to providing students with the best education available. Faculty members have extensive experience in their fields, and have gained national and international reputations. All faculty actively engage in ongoing research and field work, which means students will learn the most current, real-world solutions, techniques and applications.

Facilities

The IDT graduate program, located in Knoblauch Hall, has some of the most advanced instructional technologies available in the Midwest. IDT facilities include an advanced computer lab complex, interactive multimedia, production lab, electronic classrooms, video/audio production and editing facilities, 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 candidates 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

Instructional Design and Technology: Educational Technology Specialist (Online)
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 517 Technology Tools and Strategies for Digital Learning Environments (3 sh)
IDT 529 Integration of Learning Technologies for Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 534 Technology Issues and Professional Development in Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 539 Leading Learning Technology Use in Digital Age Environments (3 sh)
IDT 595 Technology Planning and Research (3 sh)
Total: 18 sh (If they have a valid Illinois teaching license, graduates can apply for an Illinois endorsement for Technology Specialist and pass the Technology Specialist Test [178 or 223] to obtain the official endorsement through the Illinois State Board of Education.)

Instructional Design and Technology: Instructional Media Development (Online/Weekends)
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 536 Video Production for Multimedia (3 sh) or
IDT 537 Instructional Video Production* (3 sh) or
IDT 512 Instructional Development for Business and Training (3 sh)
IDT 538 Developing Graphics for Instruction and Training** (3 sh) or
IDT 530 Graphics Applications in Education and Training* (3 sh)
IDT 540 Interactive Multimedia Development* (3 sh) or
IDT 545 Instructional Web Development (3 sh)
IDT 433G Instructional 3D Modeling and Animation (3 sh) or
IDT 460G Instructional Virtual Reality Design (3 sh) or
IDT 561 Instructional Simulations and Gaming (3 sh)
IDT 560 Visual Literacy (3 sh)
Total: 18 sh

Instructional Design and Technology: Online and Distance Learning Development (Online/Weekends)
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 515 E-Learning Design and Development (3 sh)
IDT 516 Internet Resources for Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 538 Developing Graphics for Instruction and Training** (3 sh)
IDT 545 Instructional Web Development (3 sh) or
IDT 560 Visual Literacy (3 sh)
IDT 565 Management of Instructional Technology (3 sh)
Total: 18 sh

Instructional Design and Technology: Technology Integration in Education (Online)
IDT 505 Foundations of Instructional Technology (3 sh)
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 515 E-Learning Design and Development (3 sh)
IDT 516 Internet Resources for Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 529 Integration of Learning Technologies for Education and Training (3 sh)
IDT 534 Technology Issues and Professional Development in Education and Training (3 sh)
Total: 18 sh

Instructional Design and Technology: Workplace Learning and Performance (Online/Weekends)
IDT 510 Principles of Instructional Design (3 sh)
IDT 512 Instructional Development for Business and Training (3 sh)
IDT 532 Fundamentals of Performance Technology for Instructional Designers and Technologists (3 sh)
IDT 540 Interactive Multimedia Development* (3 sh) or
IDT 545 Instructional Web Development (3 sh)
IDT 550 Advanced Instructional Design (3 sh) or
IDT 541 Advanced Interactive Multimedia Development* (3 sh)
IDT 565 Management of Instructional Technology (3 sh)
Total: 18 sh

*Weekend Academy (Campus)
**Online/Weekend Academy (Campus); Format alternates offering between online and weekend courses.
Course descriptions may be viewed at wiu.edu/idt.
Note: All PBC programs can be completed totally online by working with your advisor to select all online courses.

IDT at Western Illinois University
The IDT program 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. Candidates 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.