

Graduate Certificate in Arts & Trauma Healing (GC-ATH)

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Purpose

The Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing (GC-ATH) enables individuals to gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes that equip them to:

- work with people who suffer from the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual effects of trauma.
- train and mentor others in this field

This program provides an ongoing mentored learning experience that emphasizes interpersonal skills and integrates academic learning directly into practical use.

****This program does NOT train students to become therapists upon completion of the certificate training.**

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing (GC-ATH), students will be able to:

1. design and facilitate contextualized healing groups for people who suffer from the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual effects of trauma
2. create and apply culturally appropriate arts exercises for processing trauma
3. evaluate and assess needs of self and others
4. train and mentor others to work with those who have experienced trauma

ATH Certification Information

The GC-ATH program is an academic training program, providing the education necessary to progress through the levels of trauma healing certification provided by the Trauma Healing Institute (THI) (the training arm of the American Bible Society).

As certified Master Facilitators with the THI, ATH faculty are certified to grant certification to students who master the skills necessary for the various levels of training. Although this is a separate process from the GC-ATH training, the certification levels can be achieved as skills are mastered within the courses. This program does not guarantee any particular level of certification, but the goal is that students will be at or near the “Master Facilitator in Training” level upon successful completion of the GC-ATH program and meeting skill requirements of each level of certification.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission into the Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing program, an applicant must complete the following:

- a. Meet all the general requirements for Graduate Admission to DIU
- b. Academic records must provide evidence that the applicant fulfills one of the following:
 - Completion of a bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00
 - Completion of a bachelor’s degree AND one of the following:

- Satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or
 - Completion of at least 9 credits of graduate study from an accredited institution of higher education with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on those credits
 - Completion of a graduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00
- c. Obtain permission for program admission from the GC-ATH program coordinator. This is normally done by means of an interview during enrollment in WA5390

Curriculum

The GC-ATH consists of seven courses for a total of 18 graduate credit hours: six 3-credit courses and one 0-credit (pass/fail) course. See “Plans of Study” below for further details. Coursework can be completed online (synchronously) with the exception of one two-week face-to-face intensive. Field practicums are ideally done face-to-face with designated communities.

1. Each course includes lab work where faculty mentor students through leading one or two healing groups. (Mentoring will include reviewing lesson plans, observing students in facilitation groups when appropriate, and follow-up discussions.)
2. Mentoring will be included throughout all courses, including:
 - Faculty mentoring students.
 - Advanced students mentoring newer students.
3. The GC-ATH is a cohort-based program consisting of six 3-credit courses and one 0-credit course. It is required that students progress through the program with their cohort group within a 3-year time frame.

Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing: Plans of Study

The GC-ATH is made up of three phases. In the first phase, students complete the first two courses (WA5383, WA5390). During the second half of WA5390, students can request to be a part of a GC-ATH cohort. This process includes an interview and evaluation by the GC-ATH committee. Upon approval by the committee and acceptance as a graduate student, students are invited to join a cohort to proceed to Phase 2. Note: A program fee will be added per term for Phase 2 and Phase 3 courses.

In the second phase, students complete the next three courses (WA5391, WA5392, WA5393). Upon successful completion of these courses and approval of the ATH Coordinator, students will enter Phase 3. They will work with their ATH advisor to plan for a cross-cultural workshop experience with which they can complete the Phase 3 WA5394 Internship, and WA5095 ATH Practicum courses during the upcoming year.

Phase 1:

1. WA5383 Arts and Trauma Healing
2. WA5390 Advanced Arts and Trauma Healing (pre-req: WA5383)

Phase 2:

3. WA5391 Expressive Arts in Healing (pre-req: WA5390 and Permission of ATH Coordinator)
4. WA5392 Trauma Foundations (pre-req: WA5390)
5. WA5393 Resilience and Wellbeing (pre-req: WA5390 or by instructor permission)

Phase 3:

6. WA5394 ATH Internship (pre-req: WA5392, WA5393)
7. WA5095 ATH Practicum Course (pre-req: WA5394)

To Receive the Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing

DIU will grant the Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing to students who have filed an approved IPS. This IPS should be approved and filed in the Registrar's Office prior to completing the program courses at DIU.

To earn the Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing, see [here](#).

In order receive a Certificate award, students are expected to submit (1) Application for Award of Certificate form and (2) Certificate Clearance form during the term they are planning to complete the Certificate program. The Graduate Certificate in Arts and Trauma Healing is awarded at the end of the term in which all courses have been successfully completed or petitioned.