

CERTIFICATE VS CERTIFICATION

	Offered at AMU & APU	Education Required	Certified Exam Required	Recertification Required
Certificate	✓	✓		
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A **certificate** program generally indicates completion of a series of courses with a specific focus. They are open to all skill levels. Any organization can offer certificate programs, and the result demonstrates knowledge of content at the end of a specific period of time. Certificates at APU and AMU are great for exploring interests, tailoring an education path to a specific goal, or even as a study tool for an industry certification.

Certification includes an experience and education component and requires passing a credentialed exam. It allows a practitioner to put letters after his, her, their name (CPP, CPA, CISSP, RN, etc.).