

## **Student Admission Requirements for the Microbiology and Immunity Graduate Certificate**

The application deadline for the Fall and Spring semesters is April 15 and December 15, respectively.

1. Guidance of student applicants will also be available from Dr. Nafees Ahmad, Ph.D., who is the Academic Director of the Microbiology and Immunity Graduate Certificate Program. He is a Professor in the department, who has experience in student advising and training.
2. Applicants to program require a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
3. A minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher.
4. An applicant is required to have an undergraduate bachelor's degree with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.
5. International students are required to take the TOEFL exam to meet the requirements of the Graduate College demonstrating proficiency in the English language.
6. No other standardized test requirements are required No other standardized tests, such as GRE, are required.
7. Concurrent enrollment in a M.S. degree program will be allowed (but not required) when a student is in our Graduate Certificate program.
8. The University credit requirement for this certificate program is a minimum of 15 credits. [Click here to review required courses.](#)
9. Transfer credits from other accredited institutions will be accepted. The transfer credit hours maximum will be 3.
10. Students in the MIGCP will have advising available the entire time while a member of the program. Advice will be given on such things as: course selection, future opportunities in using the earned certificate, employment prospects, and use of the MIGCP for additional advanced learning or professional options.
11. Students, once accepted into the program, will be advised by the Academic Director/Advisor. If need arises, a committee of three faculty members will be formed. One member will be from the administrative committee directing MIGCP, and two from the program with background and knowledge in the student's area of interest. Members of this committee will be selected together by student and the advisor. The student and the Academic Advisor or the committee should meet at least two times each year, or more as needed.
12. Attainment of the GCP degree shall not take longer than four (4) years.
13. A student may change from MIGCP to a [Master's](#) degree or to the Ph.D. program in [GPMM](#). Course credits, with grades of B or better, will be counted towards the Ph.D. in IMB. Transfer of students will require the normal process of a standard application to the Ph.D. graduate program with expected standard test scores and GPA.