Graduate Certificate
Financial and Housing Counseling

Financial and housing counselors have a unique opportunity to help families manage resources, recover from debt and plan for the future. SDState Online’s certificate program prepares you to sit for the Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) examination or the Certified Housing Counselor (CHC) examination.

PERSONALIZING YOUR PROGRAM

The Financial and Housing Counseling Graduate Certificate is an 18-credit program offered through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GPIDEA). GPIDEA is an academic alliance that offers fully-online graduate and undergraduate program options in high-demand professional fields.

Courses cover several key areas of financial planning, including family systems and economics, insurance planning, financial readiness for military families, personal income taxation as well as housing and real estate. Tailor your courses towards the certification you are hoping to obtain—AFC or CHC.

**AFC Professionals:** Have a thorough understanding in the particulars of debt, credit and governmental assistance programs. To be an AFC, you must complete 1,000 hours of admissible financial counseling experience in order to enroll for the certification exam.

**CHC Professionals:** Specialize in residential housing, such as property appraisals, contracts, rights and deeds, financing and taxation, the real estate and mortgage industries and legislation. To be a CHC, you must complete 1,500 hours of admissible housing counseling experience in order to enroll for the certification exam.

CONSIDERING YOUR FINANCES

Courses in Financial and Housing Counseling cost $530.00 per credit hour for 2015-16. Costs may change on an annual basis. This price includes all tuition and fees. Books and other course materials are not included. No other course fees are charged. Financial aid is available to all students. Make sure to complete your FAFSA to receive scholarship, grant and loan opportunities. Call SDSU’s Financial Aid Office for additional inquiries: 605-688-4695 or 800-952-3541.

Statistics:
Certificates are the most common form of post-secondary education.

In 2010-11, U.S. schools awarded more than 1 million certificates.

People who choose to pursue a certificate after high school make an average of 20% more than those who receive no additional education.
Certified for Success

HOW WILL YOUR CERTIFICATE HELP OTHERS?

Responsible Payment and Personal Growth—
Credit Counselor

Smart Investment in the Future—
Loan Counselor

Confident Allocation of Funds—
Financial Specialist

Helpful Management of Earnings—
Bank Customer Service

Compassionate Assistance for Families—
Social Worker

Corporate Counseling on Financial Needs—
Human Resources Assistant

MYSTATE: YOUR FUTURE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

What is MyState?
MyState is an all-inclusive campus page personalized to you as an SDSU student. Gather information on upcoming courses, registration details, textbooks, current course schedules, your tuition bill and faculty contact information. Staying on track is easy with this central source of information for your online program.

How do I check course availability for next semester?
Click the Web Advisor link for information on all of the course offerings in a semester. You can refine your search according to program area, course level, day and time restrictions and preferred instructor. Web Advisor helps ensure you choose courses that fit your program requirements, schedule and interests.

How do I check my campus email?
For any correspondence from professors or classmates, you can click the email link to sign in on MyState.

How do I find my list of required texts for class?
Simple! Click the MyState Textbooks link and look up your courses. All required books will be listed below each course.

What else?
Through MyState, you can view your academic transcript, apply for scholarships and receive standard SDSU updates.

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