

LEAN SIX-SIGMA BLACK-BELT

ONLINE

15 HOUR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The **Lean Six-Sigma Black-Belt** (LSSBB) certificate program prepares graduates for employment in business and industry in a variety of jobs related to quality and process improvement. The skills developed in the coursework lead to successful careers as a Lean Six-Sigma facilitator, continuous improvement manager, project leader, executive champion, and similar positions. The program is structured to achieve this objective through 15 semester hours of advanced course work. **All courses are offered 100% online with no on-campus residency required.** High-speed internet access is required.

Minimum is 15 s.h. of credit are needed as follows:

Program Requirements (15 Semester Hours)

ITEC 6000 Statistical Application in Technology Management

ITEC 6005 Lean Enterprise

ITEC 6110 Quality Planning and Analysis

ITEC 6112 Design of Experiments for Products & Processes

ITEC 6501 Enterprise Process Improvement Project*

*ITEC 6501 requires an industrial or business process project where certified savings or revenue increase should be shown. Students are responsible for finding and structuring the project.

Students may choose to pursue this certificate jointly with the MS in Technology Management (MSTM) degree. A maximum credit of 12 s.h.of MSTM courses are allowed to be used toward the certificate. The courses are scheduled to allow completion of the certificate program within one year.

Admission Standards

You must have a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional association and have an overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on all undergraduate work. Completion of a standardized examination, such as the GRE or GMAT, is not required for admission to the graduate certificate program. Additional course in statistics may be required if competency in statistics is not demonstrated.

Admission Procedure

- 1. Complete and submit a graduate certificate application from the ECU Office of Graduate Studies website at gradschool.ecu.edu.
- 2. Submit any required forms to the ECU Office of Graduate Studies such as a statement of purpose, resume, official copies of all transcripts, and two letters of reference from persons who can attest to the applicant's academic competence or potential to complete the certification.

The Fine Print

Students completing this certificate are encouraged to apply for the MS in Technology Management program as well. Admission to and completion of the certificate program does not supersede the admission requirements to a Masters of Science (MS) degree program at East Carolina University nor does it guarantee admission into a MS degree program. Concurrent work on an MS degree requires admission to the MS program.

The Department of Technology Systems is a national leader in offering graduate, technology related degrees online. The program is internet based and permits students to be advised, complete courses, collaborate on projects, conduct research, and complete the degree via the internet. Each student should have a state-of-the-art computer and reliable high speed internet access. Students typically spend 10-15 hours per week in preparing for and participating in each course. Most of the students in the program are working professionals who are pursuing a graduate program for career advancement. Courses are scheduled in a sequence over the fall, spring, and summer semesters and this allows program entry in either of these terms. All students must meet admission and retention standards established by the ECU Graduate School.

All information provided in this flyer is subject to change without notification. Students and applicants are required to review the Graduate Catalog (catalog.ecu.edu) to learn about the current requirements, regulations, and policies.

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