

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE POST BACHELOR CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the Post Bachelor Certificate in Computer Science, effective Fall 2015.

Program Description

The Post Bachelor Certificate in Computer Science was created many years ago for two purposes. The first was for potential students interested in obtaining this certificate for employment in the field of computing. The other purpose was to provide an avenue for enrollment for students interested in pursuing a Master's degree in Computer Science but lacking an undergraduate Computer Science education. The Post Bachelor Certificate requires 51 credits, with at least 23 earned in Computer Science at Wayne State University.

Background

This certificate program was created more than 25 years ago. However, no student has earned this certificate in at least the past fifteen years. Instead, students have been using this program strictly for the second option of preparation for the Master's program. Changes over the past few years have made this certificate program no longer viable. First, due to changes at the federal level, international students can no longer receive a student visa to study in a certificate program. In addition, students enrolled in this certificate program are not eligible for financial aid. Consequently, enrollment has dropped significantly. Given the lack of student interest, along with our desire to support best advising practices for students, we request the discontinuance of the Post Bachelor Certificate in Computer Science program effective Fall 2015.

Students who traditionally entered this program will be advised to apply for a second Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. This requires as few as 30 additional credits. The department has been advising students accordingly for a few years now. Closing this program is the best option for avoiding any possible future enrollments.

Post Bachelor Certificate in Computer Science							
Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
#Registered	-0-	-0-	-0-	7	4	4	-0-
#Awarded Cert	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

Approvals

The discontinuance of this degree program has been approved by the Department of Computer Science (January 15, 2015), the appropriate College of Engineering committee (April 08, 2015), Dr. Loren Schwiebert, Interim Chair of the Department of Computer Science, and Dean Farshad Fotouhi, College of Engineering.