

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

Certification: NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting

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Program Description:

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting is a fifteen hour online certificate program designed to provide a knowledge base on NCAA compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR) to professionals in intercollegiate athletics and to those pursuing a career change. Also, the aim of the online certificate program is to provide students with the profound theoretical knowledge and practical instruction that enables them to be effective practitioners in understanding, interpreting, and applying the overall ideas of NCAA compliance and APR on any athletic division.

Application Process

Applicants applying for admission to the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR) must execute the following:

- Complete an online electronic application. An applicant submitting a paper application must submit it using email or U.S. Postal Service or hand deliver it to the Office of Graduate Studies.
- Submit Official Transcripts that have the date that the undergraduate/graduate degree was conferred and sent by all schools from which the degree was awarded. Personal student copies of transcripts are not accepted.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from college instructors or employers addressing the applicant's aptitude for graduate study. On the online electronic application, the applicant is required to submit two email addresses of professionals who can speak to his or her suitability for graduate study. An electronic request is sent to the reference to complete a secure digital recommendation. Persons submitting names of references on the paper application must contact their references to submit their letter of recommendation digitally to graduatestudies@alcorn.edu. Letters must be submitted in pdf format.
- A requisite application fee (Non-Mississippi Residents Only) is \$10.00 (Money Order Only).

Admission Requirements: ([Click Here](#) to Apply)

- A complete application for admission (electronic or printable)
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; official transcripts from schools attended on collegiate level
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate courses earned or a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.65 on all upper undergraduate courses earned.
- Two letters of recommendation (college instructors or employers)

Curriculum

The certificate curriculum serves to facilitate the students' acquisition of a diverse, germane knowledge base in NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR).

Degree Plan

Core Courses (15 hrs):

PE 552 Intro to NCAA Compliance	3 hrs.
PE 553 NCAA Rules and Procedures	3 hrs.
PE 554 NCAA Enforcement Process and Infraction Cases	3 hrs.
PE 555 Foundations of NCAA Academic Progress (APR) Reporting	3 hrs.
PE 556 Current Trends in Academic Progress Rate (APR)	3 hrs.

Course Descriptions:

PE 552 INTRO TO NCAA COMPLIANCE

3 hrs.

Students will examine the historical background of NCAA compliance and receive broad theoretical knowledge of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) compliance topics. An outline of NCAA rules, by-laws, eligibility, best practices and procedures is presented.

PE 553 NCAA RULES AND PROCEDURES

3 hrs.

NCAA rules and infractions can seem cryptic and arbitrary, due to the manner in which they are covered by the media. The NCAA has rules and processes that affect the daily workings of any NCAA institution, particularly Division I institutions. This course provides an overview of how the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) functions. The course also examines and analyzes the by-laws, policies, and procedures of the NCAA.

PE 554 NCAA ENFORCEMENT PROCESS AND INFRACTION CASES

3 hrs.

Students will analyze infraction case studies to gain experience and develop a framework to apply in everyday NCAA issues. Enforcement procedures, waivers processes, and the evolution of the NCAA rules will be examined as well.

PE 555 FOUNDATIONS OF NCAA ACADEMIC PROGRESS (APR) REPORTING

3 hrs.

The APR, or Academic Progress Rate, holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each student-athlete for each academic term. This course examines the history of the NCAA Academic Progress rate and details the process of APR reporting. Students will gain general knowledge of APR and implications of failure to meet APR benchmarks.

PE 556 CURRENT TRENDS IN ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR)

3 hrs.

This course examines the NCAA Academic Progress rate (APR) as an essential component of student-athlete success and retention in higher education. Topics include: identification of APR critical issues, current trends in APR, development and assessment of APR improvement plan assessment, and APR penalty structure.