Overview
Polish your analytical skills alongside other students who are just as driven and passionate. Discover yourself — your talents and passions — through business and CSU’s Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance. This 11-credit program is designed for people who are interested in gaining a broader knowledge about advanced corporate finance, international finance, and financial institutions and credit markets.

Courses, offered in a convenient online format, are taught by College of Business Department of Finance professors and are designed to provide industry-specific knowledge relevant to conducting business in various financial environments.

Curriculum
Required courses include:
• BUS 601 – Quantitative Business Analysis
• BUS 640 – Financial Principles and Practice
• BUS 641 – Financial Markets and Investments

Elective courses include (select five):
• FIN 602 – Options and Futures (1 cr.)
• FIN 603 – Corporate Risk Management (1 cr.)
• FIN 604 – Employee Benefits (1 cr.)
• FIN 606 – Fundamentals of International Finance (1 cr.)
• FIN 607 – Fundamentals of Bond Markets (1 cr.)
• FIN 608 – Fundamentals of Firm Valuation (1 cr.)
• FIN 609 – Fundamentals of Personal Finance (1 cr.)
• REL 601 – Fundamentals of Real Estate Finance (1 cr.)

Admission to a business graduate program and/or additional coursework may be required to meet prerequisites. Contact the department for more details.
Application Deadlines
Fall semester: August 1  
Spring semester: January 1

1 Review Admission Requirements
Graduate certificate applicants generally must meet or exceed the following criteria:

• An undergraduate degree from an accredited four-year institution in any field
• A minimum of four years of professional work experience
• A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from your most recent degree completed
• International applicants: minimum TOEFL or IELTS scores

1. While we encourage our students to meet the minimum criteria, failure to meet one may be offset by strengths in other areas, as determined by the Graduate Program Committee.
2. Please submit an academic performance explanation if your GPA was lower than 3.0.
3. A minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 86 or a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a minimum of PTE score of 58 is required for all certificates except Accounting Ethics and Auditing, which requires a minimum Internet-based TOEFL score of 95 or minimum IELTS score of 7.0.

2 Complete Online Application
Complete the online graduate application and pay the nonrefundable application processing fee (payable online). As soon as you have completed the required information, please submit your application. You do not need to wait for recommendations or transcripts to move your application forward.

• Choose “Applied Finance (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3 Request Transcripts
Request one official transcript of all collegiate work completed from every institution attended, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions. Transcripts from Colorado State University are not required. Official transcripts can either be mailed in or sent as e-transcripts.

Send e-transcripts to: gradadmissions@colostate.edu
Send paper copies to:
Graduate Admissions
Colorado State University – Office of Admissions
1062 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

Check Your Application Status
View your application status at any time to ensure your application checklist is complete or to check on updates. Once your complete application, including supporting materials, is received, the department admission committee will review your application and notify you of their decision.

International Students
See website for test score and transcript requirements.