Overview

This online natural resources certificate prepares you with the tools, methods, theories, and action steps that help identify conservation problems and the means to develop, implement, and evaluate proposed solutions. Upon completion, you will be able to critically identify root issues that cause problems and the stakeholders involved, and then recommend desired outcomes.

You will study environmental management topics such as:
- Biodiversity evaluations
- Policy analysis
- Systematic planning
- Administrative procedures
- Strategic communications
- Land, animal, and human management
- Leadership with internal and external publics
- Individual and institutional sustainability
- Record keeping and reporting
- Adaptive management

This graduate certificate is a companion to the master’s in fish, wildlife, and conservation biology degree. Nine credits can transfer into the program (with a grade of B or better) and can be applied toward the degree after formal admission per University transfer policies. However, successful completion of the courses or certificate does not guarantee admission to the degree program.

Curriculum

Choose courses that best meet your needs to complete the certificate with at least 12 credits. Other courses related to natural resources or fish, wildlife, and conservation biology may be substituted by special request.

Courses (select four)

- FW 556 – Leopold’s Ethic for Wildlife and Land (3 cr.)
- FW 557 – Wildlife Habitat Management on Private Land (3 cr.)
- FW 576 – Wildlife Policy, Administration, and Law (3 cr.)
- NR 501 – Leadership and Public Communications (3 cr.)
- NR 515 – Natural Resources Policy and Biodiversity (3 cr.)
- NR 535 – Action for Sustainable Behavior (3 cr.)

This certificate may have courses in common with other graduate certificates. A student may earn more than one certificate, but a given course may be counted only in one certificate.
**How to Apply**

**Conservation Actions with Lands, Animals, and People**

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**Application Deadline**

Fall semester: **July 15**  
Spring semester: **December 15**

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1. **Review Admission Requirements**

   The online Conservation Actions with Lands, Animals, and People graduate certificate requires that students have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

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. Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete and all required materials have been received.

   - Select “Conservation Actions with Lands, Animals, and People (Certificate) – Distance” when choosing the Program of Study. (Note: You must first select “Certificate” at the top.)

3. **Request Transcripts**

   Request one official transcript from the institution where you earned your bachelor’s degree. 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](mailto:gradadmissions@colostate.edu)

   Send paper copies to:  
   Graduate Admissions  
   Colorado State University – Office of Admissions  
   1062 Campus Delivery  
   Fort Collins, CO 80523-1062

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**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.

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**International Students**

See [website](#) for test score and transcript requirements.