

**Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences
Program Closure**

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences is a 15-credit hour program within the School of Public Health and Information Sciences (SPHIS). The program has experienced low and declining enrollment for the past five (5) academic years with no students being enrolled for the Fall 2024 semester. Additionally, with recent faculty retirements and departures, SPHIS has had difficulty offering the necessary coursework for the certificate program. Finally, SPHIS is shifting its academic, research, and engagement focus to public health, and as a result, the academic unit's leadership and faculty believe the certificate program is increasingly a poor fit for the unit. The SPHIS Academic Affairs Committee approved the proposed closure of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences on February 10, 2025.

I. Enrollment and Certificate Conferrals

Academic Year	Enrollment¹	Certificate Conferrals
2019-2020	10	2
2020-2021	6	2
2021-2022	6	3
2022-2023	0	0
2023-2024	2	2
2024-2025	0	N/A
¹ The fall term is UofL's official reporting semester for enrollment data.		

II. Students

As of the Spring 2025 semester, no students are currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences.

III. Notification of Faculty, Staff, and Community

Affected faculty in SPHIS are already aware of the closure. Five (5) of the six (6) courses required for the graduate certificate are also required courses for other certificate and degree programs in SPHIS, and all the faculty that teach in the program have appointments in other departments within SPHIS. As a result, the closure of the graduate certificate program is not anticipated to have any impact upon faculty teaching loads or necessitate faculty to be redeployed.

Once the program is officially closed with SACSCOC, the Vice Provost/SACSCOC Liaison will notify all relevant parties (e.g., registrar, graduate school, advisers, academic deans, etc.) of the program closure via

email, and the academic catalog will be updated to reflect the program closure with the program being removed from the Graduate Academic Catalog for the 2025-2026 academic year. Finally, the program director will email all community partners (e.g., student recruitment partners, etc.) to notify them of the closure of the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences.

IV. Current, Lapsed, and Prospective Student Communication Plan

The Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences currently has no applicants for the 2025-2026 academic year, so no communication is necessary for this population. The certificate program will simply be removed from the graduate application. Additionally, no students are currently enrolled in the graduate certificate program, so no communication is necessary for currently enrolled students either, and no students have lapsed enrollment either that are eligible to return to the program under the UofL continuous enrollment policy published in the Graduate Academic Catalog.

V. Effective Date

The last term students will be admitted to the Graduate Certificate in Clinical Investigation Sciences is the Fall 2025 semester. (Note: no students have applied for admission at the time of submission of the substantive change.) The program will be closed to subsequent enrollment effective for the Summer 2025 term (May 5, 2025).