



Biomedical Educator Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ)

The Biomedical Educator CAQ is designed to give PhD students who are interested in career paths in education the opportunity to receive additional training, skills development, and practical experience in teaching. Interested PhD students will apply in the fall semester to start the CAQ curriculum in Term 3 (January). Approval will be required from the Major Advisor & Graduate Program. The CAQ program has the scheduling flexibility to be completed in as few as four academic terms or up to eight academic terms.

Course Requirements:				
Term 3:	GS-GS-6301	Fundamental Teaching Skills	3	Total Credits: 12
Term 4:	GS-GS-6302	Technology in Teaching	3	
Terms 1:	GS-GS-6303	The Science of Teaching & Learning	3	
By Term 5:	GS-GS-5100	Graduate Teaching Practicum* <i>(enrolled 3 times)</i>	1 <i>(3x)</i>	
<p><i>*Students must take at least three credits of Graduate Teaching Practicum and at least two of those must include feedback/assessment of teaching. Note: biomedical teaching experiences at other educational institutions are acceptable (ACTOR program, etc). The timing of when the student will enroll in Practicum will be flexible, with consent of the CAQ director. All three credits may be completed as early as Term 1 (the fourth term in the program), but must be completed by the end of Term 5 in the second year (eighth term).</i></p>				
Additional Requirements:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Biomedical Education Journal Club will be offered throughout the program • Capstone Project: A biomedical education workshop to be designed/presented by the end of the eighth term (Term 5 of the second year). 				

Additional education workshops , journal clubs, & webinars will be available periodically.

Biomedical Educator Certificate of Added Qualification Application



All application materials should be submitted as a single PDF document to biomed-educator@bcm.edu no later than 5:00 pm on November 1st to apply to begin the CAQ program in January (Term 3).

Eligibility: Student must have successfully passed their qualifying exam and be approved for candidacy prior to starting the CAQ coursework in Term 3. Additionally, the student's major advisor must approve for the student to be away from the lab to attend both attend the required CAQ courses, practicum and capstone project.

Timeline: All requirements of the CAQ must be completed within 8 academic terms (by the end of Term 5 of the year following admission to the CAQ). The minimum possible time to completion of the CAQ is 4 academic terms (January through September).

Application Requirements:

- Completed Cover Sheet (see below)
 - o Includes approval signatures of program director and major advisor
- A personal statement from the student (maximum 1 page, Arial 10 pt font, 1.0" margins)
 - o Include student's career goals with specific emphasis on education/teaching
 - o Explanation of why the student wishes to participate in the BE-CAQ program.
 - o Description of any of the student's past teaching experience

Student Name:		Year in Program:	
Graduate Program:		Email:	
BCM ID:		Anticipated Graduation Year:	

Approvals

Student Signature: _____
Signature Date

Student's Advisor: _____
Signature Date

Student's Program Director: _____
Signature Date