The Certificate Exit Essay, a voluntary “capstone” for the graduate certificate program.

As part of this program, you may complete an exit essay. This Exit Essay requests a 4-5 page, double-spaced, typed paper including a summary and reflection on the items listed below. This exit should be completed in the semester in which you intend to graduate, and it should be emailed to interdisciplinary@wnmu.edu. This project will be assessed on a completed, meets request as outlined/not completed basis by the Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies, in consultation with programmatic faculty.

Please address each of the following:

1. Student Contact Information, including name, mailing address(es), phone number(s) and email address(es). If you anticipate relocating in the near future, considering providing us with a mailing address that might be consistent and accessible to you over time.

2. Summary of courses taken to complete the certificate program (you may want to include a completed degree plan as an appendix to this document). All courses should be listed by course prefix, number, and title, for example IPS 580: Course Redesign. You should also include a summary of major learning for each course, as well as reflection on how your learning was significant to you.

Please include throughout this section (or at the end), a reflection on how this degree program met your educational, professional, and personal goals. Please note that this is something you articulated as part of your letter of intent. You might want to revisit what you wrote at that time and address how your goals have remained the same or changed since then.

3. Please describe your short and long term goals for the future, as they relate to your completion of this Certificate program. What are your personal, professional and educational intentions for the future? How did this program serve you in working toward those goals?

Our staff welcomes you to Interdisciplinary Studies and we look forward to working with you through your time at WNMU. Our contact information is included here for you easy reference. Please reach out to us whenever you need some support, assistance, or encouragement!

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