

After reviewing the certificate requests from CSCI, I have the following suggestions/questions:

1. The department has included letters of support from community workplaces. I would suggest that this be mentioned explicitly in the body of the proposal as they will strengthen the proposal as it goes forward.
2. I would suggest that requirements for admission be listed as 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for undergraduate course work rather than using the phrase "outstanding academic achievement as evidenced by 3.0 on a 4.0 scale".
3. Does the applicant need to have a baccalaureate degree? If so, please list as a requirement.
4. How can an applicant demonstrate core background requirements? Formal course work, certificates, job duties?
5. Are letters of reference needed for admission? It doesn't appear as though they are-might be a good idea to include.
6. Is a personal statement or a statement of academic or career objectives needed from the applicant? It doesn't appear as though it is; might be a good idea to include to permit alignment of student objectives with program offerings.
7. Under the plan for sustaining steady state enrollment, enrollment projections are provided but there is no plan provided.
8. When listing required courses, I was unclear as to flexibility in the specialization courses. Also, course numbering was not clear; for example, there were 4 courses listed with the number 590.

I am supportive of the concept of providing these types of certificates; I just had questions on some of the details.

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These are my comments regarding the Biometric Computing Certificate. I did not receive any detailed paperwork regarding the other certificates.

Regarding your questions below, everything seems in order regarding time allotment, missions, etc. I only have one other comment. They mention in the Statement of Purpose that an "objective of this program is to provide an integrative experience by applying to a complex problem of a practical nature the theory and skills learned in the course work." Yet I can find no requirement as in independent study project or paper that addresses this. The only requirements are coursework and I don't find anything that would address this in any of the course descriptions. I don't think it is necessary for a certificate, but it would be an excellent idea. It should either be built into the program or removed from the documentation because, as is, it is misleading.

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