

### **What are the certificate programs?**

- The Glassell School of Art Certificate Programs are noncredit programs designed for adults seeking to build foundational skills and to deepen their expertise in their chosen fields. We offer a comprehensive 60-credit Certificate of Achievement and a 24-credit Certificate Program in painting, art history, and ceramics.

### **What's the difference between the Certificate of Achievement (COA) Program and the Certificate Program?**

- The Certificate of Achievement Program is a 60-credit comprehensive fine arts program offered in drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, or jewelry. The Certificate Program is a 24-credit program offered in painting, ceramics, or art history.

### **Why earn a certificate?**

- Our certificate programs help students develop their portfolios, broaden their existing skills, and explore a new career path or artistic medium while building a professional network that supports their artistic ambitions. Certificate students also receive an opportunity to submit work to the annual student exhibition held at the Glassell School of Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. With no entry requirements, this noncredit certificate program welcomes all motivated learners ready to embark on their creative journeys.

### **How long does it take to earn a certificate?**

- Our certificate programs are flexible and can be taken at your own pace. Students earn three hours of credit for each successfully completed course. Completion time is dependent on how many courses students take each semester.

### **Are the courses graded?**

- Yes. Certificate students are required to receive a letter grade. Pass/fail grades received prior to fall 2008 will still be accepted toward certificate credits.

### **Who can enroll?**

- Our certificate programs are open to adults ages 18 and older.

### **How do I apply, and do I need a portfolio?**

- To apply, please email the Glassell Studio School dean, Patrick Palmer, at [ppalmer@mfah.org](mailto:ppalmer@mfah.org), or fill out this [form](#). Students will have their transcripts and portfolios reviewed by the Studio School dean to determine proper placement.

### **Can previous courses I took at another school or institution count toward a certificate?**

- Students may transfer nine foundation-level credits, six art history credits, and three life drawing credits from another postsecondary institution, with the approval of the dean and the registrar.

### **How much does a certificate program cost?**

- The total cost of a certificate program varies and is subject to change over time.

### **Is there a graduation?**

- Yes. We celebrate our certificate recipients every year with a ceremony and exhibition.