Certificate of Creative Practice – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the deadlines for applying to the Certificate Track?

To begin the Certificate Program in January 2027, applications must be submitted by **November 1, 2026**. Applicants will be notified of their admission status by **December 1, 2026**.

What is the academic calendar for the Certificate Program?

The Certificate Program consists of three semesters, each divided into three six-week class blocks.

Winter Semester 2027: January 5, 2027 – May 2027

Spring/Summer Semester 2027: June – August 2027

Fall Semester 2027: September – December 2027

Mandatory Intersession Breaks

Enrollment is not required during the following scheduled breaks:

Summer Intersession

- Last week of August 2027
- First week of September 2027

Winter Intersession

- Last week of December 2027
- First week of January 2028

What does my tuition pay for?

Tuition supports all aspects of the studio, instructional, and exhibition experience, including:

- Classes and instruction
- Mentorship and individualized guidance
- Kiln firing fees, clay, and glazes
- Access to figure-drawing models during class
- Printmaking supplies
- Exhibition curation and preparation

- Gallery and studio space for exhibitions

Do I have to be an advanced artist?
No. This program is open to artists of all skill levels.

What's the deciding factor in acceptance?
There's a scene in the film Billy Elliot where he describes dancing as feeling free—like flying. That's what we want to understand about you as an artist.

Tell us what inspires you. What makes you tick? Why do you dislike pastels? Why do you love ceramics? We want to know what drives you to create and what makes making art feel like flying.

Reviewers are examining each applicant's:
- Ability to participate and commit to the program
- Clear artistic goals
- Potential for growth through mentorship
- Positive contributions to the program

What if I have already taken classes at ALLI?

Unfortunately, previous or current classes taken through ALLI's general open-enrollment program cannot be applied toward Certificate requirements. Only students officially matriculated into the Certificate Track have their attendance and progress documented toward completion of the Certificate Program.

What is the payment schedule?

Tuition is **$15,000 total**, payable in four installments of **$3,750** due on:

- January 1, 2027
- July 1, 2027
- January 1, 2028
- July 1, 2028

Annual Lump-Sum Payment Discount

Students who pay an entire year of tuition in a single payment by January 1 receive a **10% discount**.

- **January 1, 2027:** $6,750 (covers Year 1)
- **January 1, 2028:** $6,750 (covers Year 2)