Certificates and Certifications

Certificate	Certification of Professional Achievement (CPA)
A formal, state-sanctioned credential	**A unique Columbia offering*
Formal coursework taken for credit	Formal coursework taken for credit
Transcripts available	Transcripts available
May be offered as stand-alone, or in combination with another Columbia program	May be offered as stand-alone, or in combination with another Columbia program
20-24 credits (24 if stand-alone; 20 if in combination)	**12+ credits* *(Note that courses must be required or elective courses in another, NYSED-approved program, such as an MS or Certificate.)*
WITHIN-SCHOOL REVIEW: Must be approved by School's Curriculum Committee and Dean	WITHIN-SCHOOL REVIEW: Must be approved by School's Curriculum Committee and Dean
UNIVERSITY REVIEW: Must be approved by Provost's Office, all Deans, Registrar, University Librarian	UNIVERSITY REVIEW: Must be approved by Provost's Office, all Deans, Registrar, University Librarian
SENATE REVIEW: Must be reviewed and approved by BOTH Senate Education Committee and full University Senate	**SENATE REVIEW: Must be reviewed and approved by Senate Education Committee ONLY – does not go to full Senate*
EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW: Not required	EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW: Not required
NYSED REVIEW: Must be reviewed and approved by the New York State Department of Education	**NYSED REVIEW: Not required*
LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT PLAN: Required	LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT PLAN: Required
FINANCIAL AID: Enrolled students are eligible for federal aid. Program must be added to PPA.	**FINANCIAL AID: Enrolled students are NOT eligible for federal aid (though exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis)*
Columbia diploma awarded	**No formal diploma*