

**Graduate Diploma Differences in Practice:**

	<b>Type 1 GDip</b>	<b>Type 2 GDip</b>	<b>Type 3 GDip</b>
<b>Advertising</b>	The diploma program is not advertised	The diploma program is advertised in conjunction with the associated master's or doctoral degree program	The approved diploma program is advertised independent of other graduate programs
<b>Admission</b>	Students are not admitted to the diploma program	Students may be admitted once they are admitted to the associated master's or doctoral degree program. This normally occurs in the first term of study, unless otherwise defined.	Students are admitted to the diploma program through a stand-alone admission process. Normally minimum admission requirements are similar to a comparable master's degree.
<b>Requirements</b>	TBD	Two 0.5 unit courses in addition to the home program's normal requirements; or one additional 0.5 unit course and one or more milestones equivalent to a 0.5 unit course; or a set of milestones the academic equivalent of which are two 0.5 unit courses. The home graduate program participating in the Graduate Diploma may allow specified Graduate Diploma courses to also be counted as electives in the student's home program. However, a minimum of 1.0 FCE requirements must be unique to Graduate Diploma and can not also be counted towards the home program.	A minimum of 1.5 course unit (or milestone equivalent) requirements.
<b>Program Completion</b>		Students receive the graduate diploma upon	Students receive the graduate diploma upon

		successful completion of both the diploma program and the degree program requirements. The diploma and the degree are presented to the student at the same convocation ceremony.	successful completion of the diploma program. The diploma is presented to the student at a convocation ceremony.
<b>Transcript</b>		Once the student is accepted into the master's or doctoral program followed by acceptance into the diploma program, the transcript shows that the student is enrolled in both the master's or doctoral program and the diploma program. The transcript shows completion of the diploma program and the awarding of the diploma in addition to the usual recording of registration, completion, etc. in the degree program.	Once the student is accepted into a Type 3 diploma program, the transcript shows that the student is enrolled in the graduate diploma program; upon graduation, the transcript shows that the student has been awarded the graduate diploma.
<b>Approval</b>		A Type 2 graduate diploma program proposal follows the Expedited New Program Process under the Western's Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP). As such, it does not require an external appraisal. University governance requires approval of the SUPR-G, SCAPA and Senate. Approval by the Quality Council is required.	A Type 3 graduate diploma program proposal follows the Expedited New Program Process under the Western's Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) As such, it does not require an external appraisal. University governance requires approval of the SUPR-G, SCAPA and Senate. Approval by the Quality Council is required.