ASU’s Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College is one of the top-ranked graduate colleges of education in the U.S. Our graduate programs develop purposeful innovators who bring people and ideas together to improve the lives of learners, the impact of educators and the performance of education systems.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Institutional Research and Policy Analysis (certificate)

People working in or with schools are increasingly being asked to interpret and make decisions based on data. The graduate certificate in institutional research and policy analysis provides participants with the training and skills in education policy and applied data analysis that allow them to critically assess education programs and policies and engage in data-driven decision-making. The program consists of courses in which students analyze data from real-world settings, including their own schools or organizations.

This certificate program allows students to glean insights from data that help them make effective decisions in classrooms, schools, districts and other organizations; present reliable and pertinent data to their colleagues and administrators; and develop analyses that can help them identify instructional changes aimed at improving student achievement.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements
15 credit hours

**Required Courses (15 credit hours)**
EPA 532 Becoming an Informed Consumer of Education Research (3)
EPA 555 Translating Research for Educational Change (3)
EPA 556 Data Analysis for Education Decision Makers (3)
EPA 559 Systematic Inquiry for Problem Solving (3)
EPA 565 Critical Topics in Education Policy (3)

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement describing the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree
4. resume
5. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

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