Nonprofit Leadership and Management
(Graduate Certificate)

Be empowered to become a successful professional who works to advance the quality of life in communities and contributes to creating lasting social impact. Join like-minded individuals, and make a difference in the world.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Nonprofit Leadership and Management (certificate)

The graduate certificate program in nonprofit leadership and management provides students with an understanding of the nonprofit sector's role in society and with knowledge applicable to those who wish to lead and manage nonprofit organizations. The objective of this program is to provide students from diverse academic backgrounds with exposure to content needed by leaders in the nonprofit sector, including the understanding of the historical and philosophical context for nonprofit organizations in society, the theory and practice of philanthropy, financial management practices and other topical content areas.

The certificate is ideal when combined with graduate degrees in other areas and when used to provide a core concentration in nonprofit leadership and management.

At a Glance

- College/School: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours
Required Core (9 credit hours)
NLM 510 The Nonprofit Sector (3)
NLM 520 Financial and Resource Management (3)
NLM 540 Strategic Human Resources Management (3) or NLM 545 Volunteer Resource Management (3)

Electives (6 credit hours)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students select either NLM 540 or NLM 545 as part of the required core coursework.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

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. 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. International applicants are also required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores and a financial guarantee statement.

The program is available to students who are pursuing their graduate degree in a chosen field of study and who have expressed interest in pursuing careers in the nonprofit sector. In addition, the program is well suited for working professionals who may be pursuing a graduate degree but who wish to strengthen their skills and connections to the nonprofit community.

Applicants should see the College of Public Service and Community Solutions website for more information.

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