Nonprofit Leadership and Management, MNLM

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MNLM Nonprofit Leadership and Management

Offered through the School of Community Resources and Development, the MNLM degree program is intended for professionals who work in or desire to work in the nonprofit sector at senior leadership and management levels. The program provides an opportunity to obtain an advanced degree that addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations with attention on those who lead, manage and support nonprofits.

Students explore research, theory and innovative nonprofit practice that advances individual and societal goals for social, cultural, environmental, educational and economic development. The program considers the nexus among nonprofit management, social enterprise and entrepreneurship, and philanthropy that are evinced through nonprofit organizational forms.

At a Glance

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

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including the required capstone course (NLM 620)

**Required Core (18 credit hours)**

- NLM 510 The Nonprofit Sector (3)
- NLM 520 Financial and Resource Management (3)
- NLM 530 Program Evaluation and Information Management (3)
- NLM 540 Strategic Human Resources Management (3) or NLM 545 Volunteer Resource Management (3)
NLM 550 Philanthropy (3)  
NLM 620 Capstone: Critical Issues in Nonprofit Management (3)

**Electives (15 credit hours)**

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Students are required to take 18 credit hours of core coursework, of which three credit hours are a capstone course that is completed at the end of the program of study. The capstone course is integrative and case-based, allowing students to synthesize material from prior coursework. Successful completion of this course is required in place of a thesis or applied project.

Students complete 15 credit hours of related elective coursework. Courses are selected from two contributing disciplines (public affairs and social work) to foster the transdisciplinary nature of the degree. Students may petition for one three credit hour course not listed as an approved elective in their program of study as long as students can establish an intellectual and professional development objective that substantiates the course selection. The petition should be submitted prior to enrollment in an elective.

**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 a student's 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. curriculum vitae or resume  
4. statement of educational and career goals  
5. three reference letters  
6. 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.

The statement of educational and career goals should be written in sufficient detail to indicate compatibility with the educational objectives and capabilities of the school.

Reference letters should be from a combination of academic and professional references. References from friends and family members are not accepted.

Students currently pursuing the nonprofit leadership and management certificate who are interested in applying for the master's program must apply to the degree program before the completion of nine credit hours in their certificate program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**Application Deadlines**

- **Fall**
- **Spring**
- **Summer**

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