Nonprofit Management Graduate Certificate

The objective of our Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management is to prepare you for leadership positions in nonprofit and philanthropic (grant making) organizations. The curriculum, which centers on technical skills specific to the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors, is designed to develop the skills necessary to manage and lead financially stable, innovative, and effective organizations.

Opportunities for nonprofit managers with specialized skills have expanded sharply. Currently, approximately 8% of the U.S. total employment is in the nonprofit sector. Recent graduates serve in all nonprofit sectors in a variety of leadership positions.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop and steward nonprofit financial and human resources.
- Ethically manage, govern, and lead nonprofit and philanthropic organizations.
- Synthesize foundational concepts and theories in nonprofit management and leadership.
- Apply learned competencies to real-world nonprofit sector challenges.

Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management Requirements

The graduate certificate in nonprofit management prepares students for leadership in the nonprofit sector. The focused curriculum develops specific skills that are critical for success in managing nonprofit organizations.

Phenomenal growth in assets and activities of the nonprofit sector over the past two decades have led to career opportunities in the many areas of the nonprofit sector, including cultural and arts organizations, education, health care, human services, international development, and advocacy organizations. Nonprofit enterprise has broadened with developing sources of funding, and the complexities of its management require professional skills specific to the nonprofit sector.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
PPPM 522	Grant Proposal Writing	1
PPPM 581	Fundraising for Nonprofit Organizations	4
PPPM 680	Managing Nonprofit Organizations	4
PPPM 684	Public and Nonprofit Financial Management	4
Internship and Electives [1]		
Select three or more credits of elective course. Examples include: [1]		3
PPPM 525	Project Management	
PPPM 526	Strategic Planning for Management	
PPPM 565	Program Evaluation	
PPPM 583	Volunteer Resource Management	
PPPM 586	Philanthropy and Grant Making	
PPPM 587	Impact Philanthropy	
PPPM 588	Nonprofit Legal Issues	
PPPM 610	Experimental Course: [Topic]	
PPPM 685		
PPPM 686	Nonprofit 48-Hour Charrette	
PPPM 687	Nonprofit Board Governance	
PPPM 688	Nonprofit Consultancy	
PPPM 604	Internship: [Topic] [2]	6
Total Credits		**24**

[1] Elective credits may be taken in other departments. Information about the many nonprofit elective courses or waiver of required courses is available from the program director.

[2] Students wishing to complete the certificate must complete an internship and 5 elective credits ***or*** take 11 credits of nonprofit-relevant elective courses. Students who have no significant work experience in the nonprofit sector are strongly recommended to complete an internship by enrolling in 6 credits of Internship: [Topic] (PPPM 604).