

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

The graduate certificate in nonprofit management provides an overview of central concepts in managing nonprofit organizations and is intended to meet the needs of students seeking a focused experience in preparation for a career in nonprofit organizations. It may be appropriate for students who seek to expand their knowledge but who do not wish to commit to a master's degree program.

Certificate students enroll in regular courses of the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, which carry graduate credit. Regular graduate tuition and fees apply. Under certain circumstances, credit earned in the certificate program also may be applied toward the master of public administration (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-nonprofit-management-gc/>) (MPA) degree or master of public policy (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpp-nonprofit-management/>) (MPP) degree. However, admission to the MPA or MPP degree program has separate requirements from those of the certificate program and students considering going on for a degree should consult with a faculty advisor early in their program.

Visit the program webpage for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Article	Requirement
Admissions Deadlines:	Fall – July 1 Spring - November 1
Recommendations required:	One (1) recommendation required:
Prior academic records:	Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission. If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.
Statement of purpose:	A 2-3 page statement of interests and personal goals.

International applicants only: Please follow this link - <https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants> (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/>) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for details on required documents and English language requirements. Please note: international students who require a student visa from GW are not eligible to apply for admission to the program.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (<https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/>) page.

Contact:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext>).

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 12 credits, including 6 credits in required courses and 6 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
PPPA 6031	Governing and Managing Nonprofit Organizations	
PPPA 6032	Managing Fundraising and Philanthropy	
or PPPA 6033	Nonprofit Enterprise	
Electives, Trachtenberg School		
At least one course (3 credits) and as many as two courses (6 credits) selected from the following:		
PPPA 6016	Public and Nonprofit Program Evaluation	
PPPA 6033	Nonprofit Enterprise *	

PPPA 6032	Managing Fundraising and Philanthropy *
PPPA 6034	Managing Nonprofit Boards
PPPA 6053	Financial Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations
PPPA 6055	Contracting Out and Public-Private Partnerships
PPPA 6058	International Development NGO Management
PPPA 6062	Community Development Policy and Management
PPPA 6063	Policy Issues in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Impact Investing
PPPA 6068	Leading Diverse and Inclusive Organizations

Electives, other GW schools

Students may select one course (3 credits) from the following**:

ACCY 6701	Government Accounting
MGT 6285	Social Entrepreneurship
PMGT 6414	Lobbying
PUBH 6054	Community Engagement and Advocacy
SMPA 6206	Advocacy Communication and Political Networks

*If not taken as a required course.

**Students may supplement or substitute elective courses with other relevant courses in related disciplines with the permission of a field advisor. Field advisors can recommend courses in various schools of the university that address a student's particular interest and career goals.

COMBINED PROGRAMS

Combined Programs

- Dual Master of Arts in the field of museum studies and Graduate Certificate in nonprofit management (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/museum-studies/combined-ma-museum-studies-gc-nonprofit-management/>)
- Dual Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in nonprofit management (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/dual-mpa-and-nonprofit-management-gc/>)
- Dual Master of Public Policy and Graduate Certificate in nonprofit management (<https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts->