COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE (M.A.)

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Description

The Community Development Policy and Practice program prepares you to tackle complex community development issues by engaging with leading experts and academics in a program designed for working professionals like you. You will learn from seasoned practitioners in subjects ranging from economics and finance to organizational management and environmental factors in development.

• Gain hands-on learning through an applied yearlong capstone project in your community
• Connect with respected field experts across disciplines, including faculty and peers
• Graduate in 14 months (full time) or 24 months (part time), whichever works best for your schedule

Program Delivery & Location: Academic courses are offered in person on the UNH Durham campus over two brief summer terms and online fall through spring, allowing students to carry out their capstone projects at the location of their chosen community.

Requirements

Students enrolled in the Carsey School’s Community Development Policy and Practice program are required to complete a thirty-nine (39) credit program, consisting of:

• Seven (7) CORE Curriculum Courses
• Four (4) EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING Courses
• Three (3) ELECTIVE Courses

These provide the foundational analytic, strategic, and practical skills for a successful career in community development, all levels of government, nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, foundations, businesses, and research institutes. This program will examine each of the core disciplinary areas within the cross-cutting lenses of theory, policy, data collection and analysis as students directly apply what they learn through a yearlong, capstone project in their communities. Further opportunities for depth and specialization are provided through a variety of elective courses which vary each year.

Code | Title | Credits
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DPP 901 | Integrative Approaches to Development Policy and Practice | 3
DPP 902 | Economic Analysis for Development | 3
DPP 905 | Fiscal Management for Development Organizations | 3
DPP 906 | Organizational Management and Leadership | 3
DPP 908 | Policy Seminar | 3
DPP 910 | Leadership and Development | 2
DPP 911 | Environmental Factors in Development Practice | 1

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING Courses (4 Courses)

DPP 980 | Project Design | 3
DPP 981 | Project Implementation | 3
DPP 982 | Project Management | 3
DPP 983 | Project Monitoring and Evaluation | 3

ELECTIVE Courses: Choose Three (3) Courses

Total Credits 39

1 With full faculty support, students carry out a yearlong capstone project in their communities by completing actionable assignments throughout the series of four (4) applied project courses.

2 A diverse offering of elective courses are available for students within the program. Students wishing to pursue elective courses outside of the program should consult with their Academic Advisor.