Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management

The School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS) offers a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management for individuals aspiring to gain knowledge and skills that contribute to the success of a nonprofit organization. The Certificate is designed to provide an overview of the nature and context of nonprofit organizations combined with skill-based courses that develop competencies needed by nonprofit professionals in day-to-day management including program evaluation, budgeting, fundraising, grant writing, as well as effective engagement with stakeholders to meet increasing accountability expectations. The Certificate is intended for a broad range of students including current nonprofit employees, consultants, fundraisers and grant writers, professionals seeking a career change, including a transition to senior management, and pre-service students seeking to prepare themselves for a nonprofit career.

Admissions

Students seeking the Nonprofit Management certificate must have completed an undergraduate degree. Primary admission requirements are: (1) an application to UT Dallas, and (2) an undergraduate transcript. Applicants for the certificate program do not need a GRE (Graduate Record Examination) score or letters of reference for admission.

Certificate Requirements

The Certificate in Nonprofit Management requires completion of four (4) graduate courses (12 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate will apply to the MPA degree requirements if the student meets the conditions for full admission as a graduate student. Permission of the graduate advisor must be obtained for the elective course. The certificate must be completed within 3 years of acceptance to the program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses.

Required Courses – Nine (9) Semester Credit Hours:
PA 6382 Nonprofit Management
PA 6315 Evaluating Program and Organization Performance
PA 6374 Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations

Elective Courses – Three (3) Semester Credit Hours
Choose one from the following:
PA 6369 Grant Writing and Management
PA 6386 Diversity Management
PA 6387 Strategic Planning for Nonprofit
PA 6389 Volunteer Management

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