

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE (COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION)

The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management is a collaborative effort between the Lubar College of Business, the College of Letters & Science, and other campus units that have research and teaching interests in nonprofit management and leadership, nonprofit organizations, the nonprofit sector, and philanthropy. The certificate responds to the growing need for trained professionals to assume management and leadership positions in non-governmental, nonprofit sector organizations.

The multi-disciplinary Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue or advance careers within nonprofit sector organizations successfully. It is the first graduate-level program to be provided by any college or university in the State of Wisconsin that has been specifically designed for the leaders and managers of nonprofit organizations.

Combining the Graduate Certificate with Another Graduate Degree

Students in degree programs across campus such as urban studies, public administration, business, social welfare, education, or the arts, have combined the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management with their degree to further enhance their academic preparation for their particular career goals.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Applications are considered on a rolling admissions basis, although we suggest that a completed portfolio be submitted at least 6-8 weeks prior to the beginning of the starting semester.

Applicants should keep in mind that applications for various University fellowships are typically due in January. If you are planning to apply for Financial Aid (<http://uwm.edu/onestop/contact/financial-aid/>), all application materials must be submitted by March 1 of each year.

Admission

Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted in to a certificate program.

Application

- Admission to a graduate certificate program requires formal student application through the Graduate School admissions application (<https://uwm.edu/applygrad/>) system, including the required admissions application fee.
- Certificate programs will inform the Graduate School of their admission recommendation for an applicant. The final admission decision is made by the Graduate School.
- Early application to the certificate program is recommended; late application is possible, but may incur delays for certificate conferral related to time required for credit tracking.
- Applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree and have a minimum 2.75 cumulative undergraduate grade point average to be admitted into a certificate program.

Credits and Courses

Students wishing to earn a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management must complete the required 15 graduate credit hours. No student may complete all 15 credits within a single school or college. The curriculum consists of the following five courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
BUSMGMT 718	Concepts and Practice of Nonprofit Management	3
BUSMGMT 721	Fundraising and Development for Nonprofit Organizations	3
BUSMGMT 724	Accounting for Nonprofit Organizations	3
NONPROF 725	Governance of Nonprofit Organizations	3
Electives		
Select one of the following:		3
BUS ADM 766	Marketing for Nonprofit Organizations	
NONPROF 740	Executive Leadership of Nonprofit Organizations	
NONPROF 705	Professionals and Volunteers in Nonprofit Organizations	
NONPROF 795	Introduction to Nonprofit Revenue Streams and Portfolios	
Total Credits		15

Additional Requirements

Transfer Credit

No more than 20% of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than UWM. These courses are subject to Graduate School transfer policy and must be approved by the director of the certificate program.

Grade Point Average Requirement

A minimum cumulative 3.00 grade point average in certificate courses taken at UWM is required.

Articulation with Degree Programs

1. Credits and courses required for a certificate may double count toward meeting UWM graduate degree requirements subject to the following restrictions:
 - Degree programs must approve the courses from certificates that can double count toward the degree.

- All credits taken in completion of certificate requirements may count towards a UWM graduate degree as long as they do not contribute more than 90% of the total credits needed to obtain the degree. (Note: Students in PhD programs must still complete the minimum residency requirements)
 - Certificate courses used toward meeting degree requirements must be completed within the time limit for transfer credit.
2. Courses completed for a degree may be counted toward a subsequent certificate, subject to all certificate policy requirements.
 3. A course may count toward no more than one certificate and one degree.
 4. Students may not earn a certificate subsequent to a concentration in the same area.

Time Limit

Certificate program time limits shall be established as follows:

- 18 or fewer credits/Three years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.
- 19 or more credits/Four years from initial enrollment in the certificate sequence.

For certificates that are designed as add-ons to degree programs and are awarded concurrent with the degree, the time limit shall be the same as that of the degree program.

Gainful Employment Disclosure Information

- UWM Financial Aid Gainful Employment (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/finances/receiving-financial-aid/non-degree-students/#primary>)
- Gainful Employment Disclosure Information (<https://uwm.edu/gis-certificate/wp-content/uploads/sites/323/2019/06/gis-certgedt-2019.pdf>)