Community Development Policy and Practice

Certificate Offered

- Community Development Policy and Practice

Nature of the Program

The Graduate Certificate in Community Development Policy & Practice (CDPP) is offered through the Department of Public Administration. This 18-credit hour program of study is designed to enable both traditional students and in-service practitioners to prepare for, enhance, and advance their careers in the field of community development, with an emphasis on applied research and service-learning. Community development is a wide-ranging profession that pursues holistic improvements to local social, economic, and environmental quality of life. From community organizing to economic development, these activities take place in diverse public, nonprofit, and private enterprise.

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Admissions

CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE

This 18-credit hour program of study is designed to enable both traditional students and in-service practitioners to prepare for, enhance, and advance their careers in the field of community development, with an emphasis on applied research and service-learning. The Community Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) credential is available to certificate seeking students, as well as those pursuing another graduate degree. Candidates must meet the university requirements for admission (http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationatwestvirginiauniversity/#classificationstext). The GRE is not required for admission to this program.

List of Admission Requirements:

- See the steps to apply for admissions and access the application here (https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/).
- Transcripts from all institutions attended.
- A 1-2-page statement of purpose that describes the applicant’s career interests and experience in community building and development work, explains the applicant’s ability to conduct applied research in small rural communities, demonstrates the applicant’s commitment to social, economic, and environmental justice, and confirms availability for online, synchronous class sessions and occasional fieldwork in host communities (no more than two visits in any semester).
International Applicants:
- See the steps to apply for admissions and access the application here (https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/how-to-apply/).
- International applicants should view additional requirements here (http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationatwestvirginiauniversity/#internationaltext) and here (https://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/information-for/international-students/).
- English language proficiency is required in order to hold a graduate teaching assistantship. See here (https://elli.wvu.edu/testing-resources/english-proficiency-gtas/).

Application Deadline:
- The CDPP Certificate program admits students on a rolling basis, with Fall starts strongly recommended.

For questions, please contact: publicadmin@mail.wvu.edu

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS 2024-2025
The Admission Requirements above will be the same for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.

Major Code: CG42

Graduate Certificate in Community Development Policy and Practice
CERTIFICATE CODE - CG42
Graduation requirements: Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students must also earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all courses applied to the certificate and a minimum grade of B- in PUBA 650, PUBA 750 and PUBA 755.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

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ELECTIVES
Select 9 credit hours from the following:
- PUBA 651 Social Equity in Public Service
- PUBA 655 Public Engagement
- PUBA 730 Advanced Public Service Research
- PUBA 791 Advanced Topics
- AGEE 650 Program Development in Community Education
- AGEE 651 Program Evaluation in Comm Ed
- ART 623S Graduate Graphic Design
- DSM 650 The Creative Economies
- FNRS 523 Advanced Urban Forest Management
- GEOG 550 Geographic Information Science
- HIST 609 Field Methods in Historic Preservation
- HIST 613 Local History Research Methodology
- HIST 620 Practicum in Cultural Resource Management
- LAW 625 Nonprofit Organizations
- LAW 635 Land Use and Resilience Law
- LAW 774 Local Government
- LEGS 760 Administrative Ethics
- RPTR 714 Outdoor Recreation Behavior
- RPTR 738 Tourism Planning
- SOWK 656 Financial Management and Grant Writing
- WGST 530 Feminist Theory

Total Hours 18
Certificate Learning Outcomes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE (CDPP)

• Investigate and determine the components of local quality of life and analyze how they are pursued by local governments, organizational collaborators, and citizens.

• Distinguish, critique, and recommend public planning approaches and apply them to a range of issues in a specific context.

• Investigate and interpret how community development methods contribute to social, economic, and environmental sustainability and apply them to a specific context.

• Develop and apply specialized skills for social, economic, or environmental development at the local level.

• Develop and apply research skills used in community development.