Graduate Certificate in Community Development Policy and Practice

CERTIFICATE CODE - CG42

The Graduate Certificate in Community Development Policy and Practice (CDPP) is designed to provide professional development for in-service practitioners in the field of community development, which pursues holistic improvements to the social, economic, and environmental qualities of local communities. The CDPP graduate certificate program is available to certificate seeking students as well as those pursuing another graduate degree.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and a minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. The application deadline is ongoing for both Fall and Spring admission. To apply for the CDPP Certificate, you will need to submit the following material:

- WVU application for graduate admission and transcripts. [Apply here]
- Statement of Purpose. Please provide a 1-2 page statement that (1) describes your career interests and experience in community building and development work, (2) explains your ability to conduct applied research in small rural communities, (3) demonstrates your commitment to social, economic, and environmental justice, and (4) confirms your availability for online, synchronous class sessions and occasional fieldwork in host communities (no more than two visits in any semester).

Graduation requirements: Students must successfully complete all required and elective courses and earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Each student must successfully complete 18 credit hours, including three required courses and three electives from those listed in the Graduate Catalog or as approved by the Program Director.

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<td>PUBA 750 Public Planning</td>
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<td>Select 9 credit hours from electives or courses approved by Graduate Certificate Coordinator</td>
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- 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 523S Graduate Graphic Design
- DSM 650 The Creative Economies
- FNRS 523 Advanced Urban Forest Management
- FNRS 670 Human Dimensions of Natural Resource 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
- LARC 570 Meanings of Place
- LAW 612 Agriculture & Food Law
- 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
Certificate Program Learning Outcomes

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE - 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.