Institutional Research and Policy Analysis (Graduate Certificate)

Improve educational policy through the use of research and applied data. A certificate in institutional research and policy analysis will show you how to use data to inform important changes in educational settings.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Institutional Research and Policy Analysis (certificate)
The graduate certificate in institutional research and policy analysis provides participants with the training needed to critically assess education programs and policies, and engage in data-driven decision-making. Students analyze data from applied settings, including their own schools or organizations.

This certificate program allows students to glean insights from data that help them make effective decisions in classrooms, schools, districts and other organizations; present reliable and pertinent data to their colleagues and administrators; and develop analyses that can help them identify instructional changes aimed at improving student achievement.

At a Glance

- College/School: Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- Location: Tempe

Degree Requirements

15 credit hours
**Required Courses (15 credit hours)**

- EPA 532 Becoming an Informed Consumer of Educational Research (3)
- EPA 555 Translating Research for Educational Change (3)
- EPA 556 Data Analysis for Education Decision Makers (3)
- EPA 559 Systematic Inquiry for Problem Solving (3)
- EPA 565 Critical Topics in Education Policy (3)

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree, in any field, from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. resume
5. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

International students who need an F1 or J1 visa first need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the USA on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

The personal statement should describe the applicant's interests and reason for seeking this degree.

GRE scores are not required for admission.

**Tuition Information**
When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates possess skills in assessing education programs and policies, synthesizing research literature and conducting applied research. They are prepared to expand or pursue careers that involve the use and interpretation of data. Possible career examples include:

- curriculum leader
- policy analyst
- program and project manager
- research and data analyst
- teacher administrator

This program is also suited for those who want to pursue a doctoral degree in education after graduation.

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