

Community Resources and Development (Nonprofits and NGOs), MS

PPCRDNPMS

An eager professional like you can create positive change. Throughout your classes, you will sharpen your solutions mindset and pair it with your distinct skills to address critical issues affecting important community organizations and the people they serve.

Program description

Degree awarded: MS Community Resources and Development (Nonprofits and NGOs)

The MS in community resources and development with a concentration in nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations is a research-oriented degree program. Completion of the master's degree requires two years of study on average.

Students learn to analyze and understand critical topics and issues pertinent to the fields of tourism, parks and recreation management, nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations, and sustainable communities.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

[Nonprofit Leadership and Management, BS](#)

[Nonprofit Leadership and Management \(American Indian Studies\), BS](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Degree requirements

30 credit hours and a thesis, or

36 credit hours including the required applied project course (CRD 593)

Required Core (15 credit hours)

CRD 500 Research Methods (3)

CRD 502 Statistical and Data Analysis (3)

CRD 530 Community Services Management (3) or advanced inquiry course (3)

CRD 552 Critical Issues (3)

CRD 555 Theoretical Perspectives in Community Development (3)

Required Concentration (6 credit hours)

NLM 510 The Nonprofit Sector (3)

NLM 562 Social Entrepreneurship (3)

Elective or Research (3 or 9 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)

CRD 593 Applied Project (6) or

CRD 599 Thesis (6)

Additional Curriculum Information

Students may select a thesis or applied project. Advising and direction in both options are under the direct supervision of an assigned faculty member.

The thesis option is a research-oriented program and is recommended for students planning to continue graduate studies beyond the master's degree. Students in the thesis option take an advanced inquiry course, and they take three credit hours of elective coursework. The thesis option must be defended in an oral examination before a supervisory committee of at least three faculty members, one of whom will reside in another department.

The applied project is intended for students seeking additional knowledge and expertise relevant to professional career development. Students in the applied project option take CRD 530 as part of their core coursework and take nine credit hours of electives.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

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 they 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. statement of professional and academic goals
4. three letters of recommendation
5. current resume
6. 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.

Only complete application files are reviewed or considered for admission. Students without undergraduate academic work in related disciplines are required to take six credit hours of deficiency coursework in addition to the master's degree requirements. Deficiency coursework may be taken in conjunction with master's degree-level classes.

Applicants interested in financial aid need to submit their applications by February 1 for fall semester admission and October 1 for spring semester admission. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring [expand](#)

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Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Analyze critical topics and issues pertinent to nonprofit leadership and management, such as creative problem-solving, strategic planning and volunteer management.
- Relate their individual strengths to demonstrate knowledge of research methods and data analysis within the context of nonprofit organizations.
- Apply the principles and practices of community development to address the social, economic, environmental and cultural challenges of diverse communities.

Career opportunities

This degree program builds expertise in nonprofit leadership and management and prepares graduates for careers in:

- charitable associations
- foundations
- governmental agencies
- nonprofit organizations
- private-sector businesses

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