

Nonprofit Leadership and Management, MNLM

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As an experienced professional, you know the powerful effect well-reputed faculty and curriculum have on your career. Expand your professional portfolio and your network while gaining a clear focus on leading and managing nonprofit organizations in a degree program ranked No. 4 for best graduate nonprofit management program by U.S. News & World Report, 2024.

Program description

Degree awarded: MNLM Nonprofit Leadership and Management

Offered through the School of Community Resources and Development, the MNLM program is intended for midlevel professionals who desire to work in the nonprofit sector at senior leadership and management levels. The program provides an opportunity to obtain an advanced degree that addresses the distinct character of nonprofit organizations and the social sector.

Students explore both theory and the practice of leadership and management in the nonprofit sector. The degree allows graduates enhanced recognition and credentials similar to those who have graduate degrees in administration or management.

At a glance

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

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

33 credit hours including the required capstone course (NLM 620)

Required Core (15 credit hours)

NLM 510 The Nonprofit Sector (3)

NLM 520 Financial and Resource Management (3)

NLM 530 Program Evaluation and Information Management (3)

NLM 540 Strategic Human Resources Management (3) or NLM 545 Volunteer Resource Management (3)

NLM 550 Philanthropy (3)

Electives (15 credit hours)

NLM 515 Nonprofit Organizational Behavior and Principles of Management (3)

NLM 525 Fundraising and Resource Development (3)

NLM 540 Strategic Human Resources Management (3) or NLM 545 Volunteer Resource Management (3)

NLM 560 Leadership and Ethics in the Nonprofit Sector (3)

NLM 562 Social Entrepreneurship (3)

NLM 565 Grant Writing Nonprofit Organizations (3)

NLM 570 International Non-Governmental Organizations (3)

NLM 572 Community and Social Innovations (3)

NLM 580 Practicum (3-6)

NLM 585 Social Marketing (3)

NLM 605 Nonprofits, Law and Society (3)

NLM 610 Executive Leadership and Governance (3)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)

NLM 620 Capstone: Integrative Seminar (3)

Additional Curriculum Information

Students are required to take 15 credit hours of core coursework and three credit hours of a capstone course that is completed in the final semester of the program. The capstone course is integrative of all concepts learned in the program, allowing students to synthesize material from prior coursework. Successful completion of this course is required in place of a thesis or applied project.

Students complete 15 credit hours of related elective coursework. Electives must include NLM 580 Practicum for three to six credit hours. The purpose of the practicum is to provide managerial experience in a nonprofit organization. Applicants with specific nonprofit managerial experience on their resume will be reviewed by the program director at the time of admission for a possible exception to the practicum requirement.

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 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. curriculum vitae or resume
4. statement of educational and career goals
5. three reference letters
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.

International applicants are also required to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores and a financial guarantee statement.

The statement of educational and career goals should be written in sufficient detail to indicate compatibility with the educational objectives and capabilities of the school.

Reference letters should be from a combination of academic and professional references. References from friends and family members are not accepted.

Students currently pursuing the nonprofit leadership and management certificate who are interested in applying for the master's program must apply to the degree program before the completion of nine credit hours in their certificate program.

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.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application deadlines

Fall

Spring [expand](#)

Summer [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:

- Evaluate the programmatic work of nonprofit organizations based on an integration of material learned throughout the degree program.
- Evaluate the financial health of nonprofit organizations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of critical dimensions of the nonprofit sector through discussion, readings, individual research and writing.

Career opportunities

Graduates of this program have built expertise in nonprofit leadership and management. Career opportunities include:

- chief administrative officers
- chief executive officers
- chief financial officers
- foundation officers

Contact information

