

# Social Entrepreneurship and Community Development (Graduate Certificate)

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Working in an innovative community organization? Looking to develop new avenues for social change or community development? This certificate program orients you to exciting developments in social entrepreneurship.

## Program description

**Degree awarded: Certificate Social Entrepreneurship and Community Development (certificate)**

The social entrepreneurship and community development graduate certificate program provides a framework for harnessing entrepreneurial and enterprise opportunities and creating transformative responses to societal challenges. The program combines social entrepreneurship with community and social innovation, providing a basis for exploring capacity-building and fostering positive change for organizations, communities and societies.

The certificate is designed for students studying nonprofit leadership and management, social entrepreneurship, public policy, innovation and related fields across disciplines, and it can be added to an ASU master's degree program.

## At a glance

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

## Degree requirements

15 credit hours

**Required Core (6 credit hours)**

NLM 562 Social Entrepreneurship (3)

NLM 572 Community and Social Innovations (3)

**Electives (9 credit hours)**

## 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. resume
4. 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.

## 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

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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:

- Articulate their understanding of the concepts of social entrepreneurship and social innovation through discussion, readings, individual research and writing.
- Apply class concepts through written analyses of organizations practicing community development, social entrepreneurship and social enterprise.

## Career opportunities

Social entrepreneurship is at the leading edge of public, private and nonprofit innovation. Career options include executive officers, administrative officers, financial officers and foundation officers.

## Contact information

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