

Cross-Sector Leadership, Certificate

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Are you ready to lead change in your field of interest? Learn to be a skilled leader who engages in deft collaboration to find solutions to the most complex challenges communities face.

Description

The certificate program in cross-sector leadership provides a comprehensive overview of leading solutions to complex social challenges by integrating the public, private, nonprofit and military sectors.

Students engage in a systems-thinking approach to challenges faced by local and global communities, explore the diverse characteristics and motives of each sector in engaging in cross-sector collaborations, and master processes to formalize such partnerships. Students study values-based leadership and how individual, organizational and sector values can drive a leader's ability to act. Students gain leadership skills, such as leading change within and between organizations across multiple sectors, and they learn to use human-centered design, social entrepreneurship and other approaches when tackling community challenges.

Students end the program with a thesis or applied project that integrates the theories, procedures and concepts learned in the certificate courses with experiences from their internships in each sector.

At a glance

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

Program requirements

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The certificate in cross-sector leadership is a requirement for, and is limited to, participants in the Public Service Academy's Next Generation Service Corps, a four-year leadership development track that engages future civilian leaders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors to engage in collaboration and change in the context of social challenges in which they hold interest. Students are required to maintain a 3.00 ASU GPA, a 3.00 GPA across certificate courses and demonstrate forward academic progress to maintain enrollment in the certificate as well as the Next Generation Service Corps. ROTC students also may pursue the certificate, but must maintain a 3.00 GPA in certificate courses.

Required Courses -- 12 credit hours

[PAF 215: NGSC Community Impact Lab](#) (3)

[PAF 311: Leadership and Change \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)

[PAF 315: Cross-Sector Collaboration](#) (3)

[PAF 415: Social Entrepreneurship](#) (3)

Elective (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

[PAF 394: NGSC Leadership Instruction](#) (3)

[PAF 421: Leadership Capstone](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Enrollment in the certificate program in cross-sector leadership is offered only to students participating in ASU's Next Generation Service Corps or in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Enrollment requirements for the certificate are the same as admission requirements for the Next Generation Service Corps or Reserve Officer Training Corps (by request). Public Service Academy staff and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions Dean's Office enroll the students.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree.

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:

- Identify and design cross-sector collaborations by understanding the nuances of the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.
- Compare innovative methods for finding solutions to address complex social issues, including social entrepreneurship and problem-solving processes of human-centered design.

Career opportunities

Students can advance their career options with an undergraduate certificate.

Graduates of the certificate in cross-sector leadership have acquired a beneficial knowledge of cross-sector collaboration, advanced leadership skills, and an understanding of how to use these. This complement to students' major program of study may make them more marketable to employers.

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