

# Nonprofit Professional, Certificate

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The nonprofit sector is calling to you and your passion for furthering social causes. Prepare yourself for leadership in the nonprofit sector by earning this national credential that improves your job prospects and gives you access to an entire network of nonprofit career resources.

## Description

This nationally recognized certificate program awards qualified students from diverse academic fields with the national Certified Nonprofit Professional credential. The CNP credential is awarded through the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics, Inc.), a consortium of universities, nonprofits and funders that are committed to preparing students for management careers in the nonprofit sector. More information is available on the NLA website. <https://nla1.org/>

The NLA and ASU joint program provides curricular and cocurricular programs that prepare students through its competency-based, experiential educational framework, which includes curriculum instruction in management of nonprofit elements (fundraising, volunteers, organizational management) and field experience.

The program is ideal for students wishing to complement their majors with a strong core of nonprofit management knowledge and skills through professional affiliation with and certification by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, the nation's leader in education for nonprofit careers. NLA collaborates with a number of national nonprofit organizations as well as locally based grassroots organizations that actively seek NLA and ASU program interns and job candidates.

## At a glance

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

# Program requirements

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The program includes active participation by nonprofit professionals who offer workshops, seminars, mentoring and field trips. The certified nonprofit professional credential can be earned in conjunction with any bachelor's degree and requires successful participation in co-curricular, experiential activities in addition to required academic coursework. For more information on the credential, please visit <https://nla1.org/cnp/>.

## Required Courses -- 11 credit hours

[NLM 220: Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations](#) (3)

[NLM 320: Professional Development Seminar](#) (4)

**Notes:** (Taken twice over two semesters)

[NLM 420: Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Institute](#) (3)

**Notes:** Offered fall semester only

[NLM 440: Nonprofit Professional Certification](#) (1)

## Electives (choose two courses from list below) -- 6 credit hours

[NLM 160: Voluntary Action and Community Leadership \(CIVI OR SB\)](#) (3)

[NLM 300: Fund Raising and Resource Development](#) (3)

[NLM 310: Volunteer Management \(CIVI\)](#) (3)

[NLM 380: Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations](#) (3)

[NLM 430: Managing Nonprofit Organizations \(L\)](#) (3)

[NLM 451: Grant Writing](#) (3)

[NLM 484: Internship](#) (3)

## Standards

1. 17 hours of graded coursework.
2. minimum "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) grade required for all courses in the certificate.
3. minimum GPA of 2.00 for those pursuing the certificate.
4. should be a junior to take 400-level courses.

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

# Enrollment requirements

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. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## 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:

- Utilize self-evaluation and self-critique when proposing creative solutions to complex social issues.
- Prescribe their individual strengths and knowledge effectively within the social sector and related fields by creating well-structured career position plans.

## Career opportunities

The nonprofit professional credential opens up career opportunities across a range of diverse nonprofit areas, such as arts and culture; environmental, health and human services; and youth development.

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