



Master of Social Work Leadership Certificates



FAQ

Organizational Leadership

Community Leadership

Administrative Leadership

Policy Leadership

WHAT IS IT?

The Organizational Leadership Certificate provides advanced education and training in organizational leadership of human service and nonprofit programs to direct practice social work students and members of the community.

The Community Leadership Certificate provides advanced education and training in social work community practice skills, including mobilizing neighborhood, community, and client groups to solve collective human problems, writing grants for financial support, and planning and conducting advocacy to affect social welfare policy decisions that affect local communities.

The Administrative Leadership Certificate prepares students to effectively lead organizations, thus positively impacts clients. The certificate provides students with training in program development, program leadership, and supervision of program staff.

The Policy Leadership Certificate provides advanced education and training in skills that help direct-practice social workers to impact social welfare policy decisions, including increased social policy knowledge and skills in advocacy, program evaluation and administration.

WHAT ARE SOME COURSES I WOULD TAKE?

5320: Advanced Administration
5324: Social Work Supervision
5325: Budgeting and Financial Management

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5321: Advanced Community Practice
5326: Seminar in Grant Proposal Development
5328: Advocacy and Social Policy

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5312: Community & Administrative Practice
5320: Advanced Administrative Practice
5324: Social Work Supervision

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5320: Advanced Administration
5323: Program Evaluation
5328: Advocacy and Social Policy

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FOR WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES THIS PREPARE ME?

If current students obtain the skills taught in this certificate program while earning their degree, they will be ahead of their colleagues when it comes to being prepared for management jobs in their organizations. If non-degree seeking students have already graduated, this certificate will allow them a way to obtain these skills quickly and pave the way for continued promotions. Examples of positions available to graduates with this certificate can include Social and Community Service Managers, First-Line Supervisors of Protective Service Workers, or Public Relations and Fundraising Managers.

This certificate is for students who specialize in direct practice (clinical) social work but want to know how to impact their communities. Certificate students will be equipped to mobilize communities and groups to solve human problems, write grants for community purposes, and to impact the policy-making process. Students with this knowledge can be expected provide advanced community practice skills to groups and organizations seeking greater levels of social justice outcomes for communities and clients. Examples of positions available to graduates with this certificate can include Constituent Organizing Manager, Community Engagement Specialist, or Economic Development Stakeholder Coordinator.

This certificate prepares direct practice students to move into leadership roles within their organizations. Program creation, direction, and staff supervision are key in effective program leadership. Examples of positions include Program Director, Services Coordinator, or Agency Director.

This certificate allows students to gain understanding of how to impact policy-making, direct programs, and conduct evaluations enhances policy-impacting skills for direct service social workers that will help them to create programs, evaluate them, and create political support for them. Examples of positions available to graduates with this certificate can include Human Service Program Manager, Social Service Program Evaluator, or Advocacy Coordinator.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

For students in the MSW program at the time of enrollment for the Certificate, the Admission requirement will be to be in good standing, as defined by the MSW program, which includes having a GPA of 3.0 or higher. For non-degree seeking students who wish to enroll in the Certificate Program, a Bachelor's degree in Social Work or a Bachelor's degree and two-years of related professional experience, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher is required.

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Are these 3 courses (9 hours) replacing courses in my degree plan?

No, if you choose to add a certificate, this will add three courses to your degree plan.



Since these courses are adding to my degree plan and will incur additional tuition costs, are there any scholarships available?

Yes, students seeking a Leadership certificate are eligible for scholarships designated for Community and Administrative Practice (CAP) students.



Will this extend the length of my degree?

Perhaps; if you plan to add the certificate, please meet with your advisor to plan the best mix of your specialty and certificate courses.



Will I be able to complete my internship in a leadership capacity and setting rather than in a clinical role and setting?

No. If you would like to have the internship be in a leadership capacity and setting, it is best to switch to the CAP concentration.



Will this enhance my earning potential?

Yes! The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts an increase in job openings for social work managers of 22% between 2016 and 2026. General social workers have an annual mean wages of about \$45,000 compared to managers who on average earn \$76,160.