The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Organizations and Community Governance is a 15 credit hour program within the Auburn University Master of Public Administration Program. The certificate requirements include 3 required courses and 2 electives.

The curriculum is designed to prepare graduate-level students and practicing professionals for leadership positions in nonprofit organizations. The certificate can be earned while pursuing an MPA or independently. Courses cover nonprofit management, law and governance, and resource development for domestic and international public service. The certificate is aligned with the curricular goals of both the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), and the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council (NACC). Students are also required to complete an ePortfolio.

**Required Courses**

- POLI 6350 Nonprofit Law and Governance
- POLI 6360 Nonprofit Resource Development
- POLI 6370 Nonprofit Management

**Electives**

- POLI 6150 Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
- POLI 6380 INGOs and International Organizations
- POLI 6390 NGOs and International Development
- POLI 6550 Public Administration, Civil Society, and Democracy
- POLI 7520 Program Evaluation

**Auburn MPA students completing the graduate certificate are required to complete an internship in the field.**

**EPortfolio**

To complete the certificate, students create an ePortfolio, a professional website that demonstrates mastery and showcases knowledge and skills.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT**

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Student Learning Outcomes

The mission of the Auburn University MPA Program Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Organizations & Community governance is to prepare students to act as civic agents who possess the knowledge, skills, and motivation to affect innovation and change in local and global communities through nonprofit organizations. The mission of the NP certificate is a reflection of the overall mission of the MPA program, concentrated in NP organizations.

• SLO 1: Students will possess knowledge of the scope and significance of the nonprofit sector, voluntary action, and philanthropy, including historical and theoretical foundations.

• SLO 2: Students will have the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to be successful nonprofit managers and leaders.

• SLO 3: Students will understand how to identify, secure, and manage nonprofit resources in a way that facilitates financial stability.

• SLO 4: Students will understand and apply global and comparative perspectives on the nonprofit sector, voluntary action, and philanthropy.

• SLO 5: Students will have the ability to engage in strategic, innovative, and entrepreneurial behavior in nonprofit organizations.