Admissions

Currently there is one program cycle per year and admissions are open in the spring for the Fall semester start up. Students must complete the application process by June 15, 2012.

Application Materials

Apply online through the Graduate College (grad.arizona.edu). Click on "Certificates" and find the “Collaborative Governance” program.

Please send official transcripts of all graduate course work (including summer/winter session) and résumé describing relevant experiences, responsibilities and achievements to:

CG Applications
School of Government and Public Policy
The University of Arizona
PO Box 210027
Social Sciences 315
Tucson, AZ 85721-0027
Attn: Cara Wallace
**Program Overview**

The Graduate Certificate in Collaborative Governance is designed for those who work in government, non-profit organizations or the corporate sector where cooperation with other institutions, stakeholders and the public at large is important. The certificate program prepares students to effectively participate in and manage collaboration across institutional and sectoral boundaries in an increasingly networked world.

The School of Government and Public Policy is well known for its faculty research on how to collaborate in and work across organizational networks. Collaborative governance requires expertise such as building inter-organizational relationships, anticipating and managing conflict, designing formal and informal partnerships and other institutional arrangements, assessing collaborative performance, and being more responsive and accountable to diverse stakeholders and public interests.

This certificate program has been designed to provide students with new knowledge, skills and tools to help them lead and work more effectively in collaborative settings. The courses offer an integrated cumulative suite of learning experiences, using online, classroom and workshop platforms.

For more information, please visit our website at sgpp.arizona.edu.

**Curriculum**

The following courses have been designed to provide an integrated cumulative learning experience, using online and direct delivery modes:

**Required Core Courses** (9 credit hrs across three courses)
- PA 620A: Collaborative Governance in Theory, Practice and Research (online or in class)
- PA 622A: Institutional Design and Learning for Collaborative Governance (online)
- PA 624A: Collaborative Governance Tools (online)

**Electives** (3 credit hours)
In addition to the required core courses, students must earn at least 3 additional credit hours, by enrolling in one of the following courses (additional electives are being developed):
- Collaborative Governance Practicum (online)
- Collaborative Skill Building Intensive Workshops
- PA 507 Conflict Management in the Public Sector (in class)
- Select courses from the MPA program

For detailed course descriptions, please visit sgpp.arizona.edu/content/curriculum

For more information, please contact Dr. Kirk Emerson, Professor of Practice in Collaborative Governance, at (520) 621-3315 or kemerson@email.arizona.edu.

**Program Facts**

- Courses are offered so that students can complete the CG certificate within 12 months.
- 12 credit hours are required for completion of the certificate.
- Students can complete the certificate entirely through online courses, although participation in one or more classroom or skill building workshops is encouraged.
- Students must have a master’s degree or equivalent experience (4 years of professional experience) to be admitted into this program (GRE not required).
- Students already enrolled in a graduate degree program may enroll in the CG Certificate concurrently.
- Collaborative Governance Certificate graduates can apply their credit hours toward a Masters in Public Administration.
- Transfer credits from other institutions are not accepted.