



Community Engagement Program

2017-2018

The **Master's in Community Engagement** (M.Ed.) is a 36-credit program which prepares students to be non-profit leaders, social change activists, and leaders in the national service learning movement. Students will gain a broad understanding of civic engagement, including trends, theoretical models, and best practices.

CORE COURSES

The core of our program emphasizes social justice and the role that schools, colleges and communities can and should play in a democratic, pluralistic, and complex society. These courses provide a foundation in community engagement and social justice.

- Community Engagement: Theory and Practice
- Diversity and Social Justice

CONCENTRATION COURSES

Students take additional courses relevant to their concentration, Community Organizations, Pre-K-12 Education, or Higher Education. Students make course selections in consultation with their academic advisor and may also choose from the relevant graduate course offerings in higher education teacher education. A sampling of course options are listed below.

- Nonprofit Management and Leadership
- Community Organizing and Development
- Theories of Organizational Change
- Theories of Adult Learning and Development
- Fundraising, Grant Writing, and Development
- Social Policy for Children and Families
- School, Family and Community Partnership
- University-Community Relations
- The Politics of Community Engagement

CAPSTONE PROJECT

All students in the program complete a year-long capstone experience which will include Fall and Spring coursework. In the fall students will plan their projects, and projects will be implemented in the spring.

CAREER PATHS

This versatile degree will prepare students for outreach and partnership work in schools, colleges, and community organizations.

- Nonprofit Leadership
- Service Learning
- Community Outreach
- Fundraising
- Family Engagement
- Adult Education
- Social Justice Education
- Community Partnership
- Advocacy

FELLOWSHIP/ASSISTANTSHIP

Fellows take a Fellowship seminar during the Fall and Spring semesters; traditional students completing qualifying assistantships may also take the course.