

# COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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<b>Program Code</b>	CEDEV
<b>Campus(es)</b>	World Campus

The Graduate Certificate program in Community and Economic Development prepares student to confront the multidimensional challenges faced by community development practitioners. The main objective of the certificate program is to educate professionals who will assume leadership roles in helping establish and maintain viable communities. Recipients of the certificate will become deeply involved in assisting localities with a variety of issues, including: developing new organizations and new industries; growth management; protecting the environment; revitalizing downtown areas; enhancing the local quality of life; assisting educational, social, health and human service systems; and developing vital infrastructure—in short, working with communities to help them shape their own futures. The certificate program will teach the theory, skills and tools that allow practitioners to address the important issues in community and economic development. The certificate program emphasizes topical problems, drawing from the experiences of both students and the faculty. Students in Community and Economic Development gain a broad understanding of the dynamics of communities and their social, economic and political systems. With this training, recipients will have a wide range of career opportunities in an expanding job market. Some work for local or regional governments, industrial development authorities and chambers of commerce, major corporations, non-governmental organizations, or consulting firms. Others may work for development authorities, housing authorities, planning commissions or environmental planning and development agencies.

**Effective Semester:** Spring 2022

**Ending Semester:** Spring 2027