

POLICY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	CLPLAN
Campus(es)	Harrisburg

The primary goal of the program is to prepare policy analysts and policy/program evaluation specialists who work for governments and not-for-profit organizations for professional analytical tasks. The 12-credit curriculum is designed to educate students in the basic concepts and analytical tools of policy analysis and evaluation profession. Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree in Public Administration (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/public-administration/>) at Penn State Harrisburg, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree in Public Administration must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the Public Administration graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

Effective Semester: Fall 2020

Expiration Semester: Fall 2025

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

Students who are already enrolled in the M.P.A. program at Penn State Harrisburg and wish to enroll in the certificate program must complete the online Graduate School certificate application and pay the application fee just as any other certificate applicant would. They should also complete the Notice of Intent form and submit it to the program administration.

Certificate Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
PADM 503	Research Design	3

PADM 504	Data Analysis for Policy and Administration	3
PADM 535	Policy Analysis and Planning	3
PADM 550	Policy and Program Evaluation	3
Total Credits		12

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Courses

Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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