Education for Building Strong, Sustainable Communities

MASTER OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PRACTICE
Master of Arts in Community Development Policy and Practice

The challenge a community development professional faces today is understanding the complexities and interrelated problems within a community. Students in the master’s program at the Carsey School of Public Policy learn from experts from every college across the University of New Hampshire—from economics and public health to organizational management and civil engineering. Our professors are practicing development professionals who share their decades of experience to teach both the theory of “why” and the proven skills to solve real world problems.

“Community development is about building and sustaining strong communities. It is built on the premise of integration and collaboration across sectors—housing, health, finance, business development, jobs, and more. This program is about giving students the skills, know-how, connections, and ideas to promote progress in communities across the United States and the globe.”

Michael Swack, Director
Master of Arts in Community Development Policy and Practice
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AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE’S CARSEY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Ideal for working professionals, this hybrid master’s program equips students with the knowledge, skills, and tools needed in today’s challenging community development environment:

• Learn from experienced faculty and peers actively engaged in community development work
• Apply what you learn in the classroom through a yearlong project in your community
• Interactive, small-cohort learning and class size

HYBRID PROGRAM FORMAT
This master’s program offers the best of both worlds by combining the rich, in-person learning experience with the convenience of interactive online coursework:

• 3-week, in-person summer terms
• Fall through spring online terms

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Students will take a combination of required and elective courses for a total of 39 credits, including a series of 4 capstone project courses.

CURRICULUM
The program examines each of the core disciplinary areas within the cross-cutting lenses of theory, policy, data collection, and analysis as students directly apply what they learn through a yearlong, capstone project in their target communities:

• Management—including project design, management and evaluation, policy analysis, organizational management, budgeting and financial management, human resource management, leadership, negotiations, and communication
• Health Sciences—including health policy, health systems design and management, nutrition, population sciences, and reproductive health and basic epidemiology of infectious and noninfectious diseases
• Social Sciences—including economics, anthropology, sociology, political science, and research methodologies
• Natural Sciences and Engineering—including agriculture, forestry, water management, energy, and climate and environmental sciences

PROGRAM DURATION
Students can choose to complete the program in 14 months by taking two online courses in the fall and spring or opt for the 24-month program and take just one online course each fall and spring over two years. Summer term curriculums are the same for the 14- or 24-month track. Start in the summer, fall, or spring term—your choice.
Those with the passion and desire to have a greater impact in their communities need the critical knowledge and proven skills to bring about the changes demanded by today’s rapidly evolving world. Graduates of the Master of Arts in Community Development Policy and Practice program are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experience required to qualify for management positions within non-profit, non-governmental, and community-based organizations in addition to government agencies and private corporations.

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