

Graduate Programs in **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**



UMBC



Master of Professional Studies and Graduate Certificate: Community Leadership

Community Leadership - preparing leaders to generate social change

- » UMBC's Community Leadership program provides aspiring and practicing leaders with the skills and experience needed to generate transformative social change.
- » Community Leadership coursework draws from a wide range of disciplines—including Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and Sociology—to give students a thorough understanding of the social, political, and economic contexts in which community leaders do their work.
- » The structure of the program helps students integrate into communities and organizations through deeply immersive experiential learning opportunities. Students will identify and examine key issues facing a specific community-oriented organization and develop and deliver a research-based intellectual product that both enhances the student's professional development and broadens the capacity of the partner organization.

When you choose this graduate program, you can count on:

- » Applied learning and an interdisciplinary capstone course that is the culminating experience in the theory and practice of collaborative leadership, community-centered social capital development, and culturally-inclusive problem solving.
- » Instructors who have deep practical experience and a passion for community leadership.
- » Flexible evening class schedule that accommodates working professionals.

Why UMBC?

- » UMBC is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research University (High Research Activity).
- » UMBC has a deep and long-held commitment to building community partnerships and tackling issues of social justice with rigor, curiosity, and creativity.
- » Classes are conveniently offered in the evening on UMBC's main campus, located just five minutes from BWI Airport, with easy access to I-95 and the 695 Beltway, or at the Lions Brothers Building in Baltimore.
- » Campus is located just outside of Baltimore, a city with a long legacy of grassroots social change, providing the ideal place for students to engage with community-oriented organizations and develop strong leadership skills.
- » Ranked in the top five on U.S. News & World Report's 2017 closely-watched Most Innovative Schools list and has recognized UMBC as a global leader in higher education.



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Admission Requirements

M.P.S. and Certificate:

- » An undergraduate degree in any subject
- » Applicants should have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- » Applicants should have experience working or volunteering in community-oriented organizations.
- » GRE scores are not required

International Students

- » An undergraduate degree in any subject
 - » Applicants should have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
 - » TOEFL Scores: Minimum score 99 (iBT). Scores must no more than 2 years old.
 - » iBT Score Breakdown: Writing (23), Listening (23), Reading (25), Speaking (28, 23 acceptable if have 2 years' work experience in supervisory or management position in the U.S.)
- OR**
- » IELTS Score: Minimum score of 7.0 required

Admission Deadlines

Fall: August 1

Spring: December 1

For detailed application process please visit: leader.umbc.edu

Office of Professional Programs

UMBC's Office of Professional Programs offers a broad array of professionally focused master's degree and certificate programs that address industry needs while anticipating future opportunities. professionalprograms.umbc.edu

Master's Program

Master's of Professional Studies: Community Leadership 30 Credits (9 courses)

Required Core Courses (18 credits)

CLDR 601*: Introduction to Community Leadership: Models, Communication, and Contexts (3)

SOCY 600* or PUBL 600*: Research Methodology (3)

CLDR 602: Legal and Ethical Issues in Community Leadership (3)

CLDR 603*: Capstone Project (6)

SOCY 606*: Social Inequality & Social Policy (3)

* Indicates courses needed for Community Leadership Certificate.



Pathway Courses (12 credits)

Students can choose between three pathways: Urban Studies, Non-Profits/Social Sector, and Social Entrepreneurship. The pathways allow students to take classes specific to their interests. Each pathway consists of four courses.

Urban Studies

PUBL 644: Urban Theory

PUBL 645: The U.S. City

PUBL 646: The Global City

Social Entrepreneurship

ENTR 608: Design Thinking

ENTR 610: Intrapreneurship

ENTR 611: Project Management Approaches

ENTR 612: Creative Problem Solving & Social Entrepreneurship

Non-Profits / Social Sector

PUBL 613: Managing Public Organizations

SOCY 652: Healthcare Organization and Delivery or SOCY 658: Sociology of Mental Health and Illness

SOCY 681: The Social and Institutional Roles of Nonprofits

SOCY 685: Structure and Function of Nonprofit Organizations

Please consult leader.umbc.edu for typical schedule.