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Public Policy

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION POLICY LEARNING COMPETENCIES

NASPAA accreditation, Standard 5, outlines five domains of competency for public policy curriculum as follows:

1. To lead and manage in public governance;
2. To participate in and contribute to the policy process;
3. To analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions;
4. To articulate and apply a public service perspective;
5. To communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

We offer a Graduate Certificate in Education Policy that is meant to meet these competency domains as follows:

Course	Competency	NASPAA Domain(s)
POL500	Foundations of Public Policy, Modeling, and Analysis/Evaluation. Students are provided an overview of public policy, processes, models, and evaluations of policy. Their capstone course requirement is the application of these concepts into developing a policy paper overview of a policy issue of their choosing.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL511	Organizational behavior in educational settings provides students with a contextualized understanding of school processes and outcomes within education policy.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL531	Program evaluation provides an application of social science research methodology to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of public and non-profit sector programs and policies.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL542	Law and education focuses on the legal frameworks that have helped to define education policy in the US.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL561	Public finance in education provides an overview of educational finance policy in the US and the national, state, and local strategies used in implementation.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL570	Social, historical, and philosophical foundations of American education. Students analyze the interdisciplinary nature and foundations of education in the US with an emphasis on policy dynamics in the evolution of education.	1, 2, 3, 5
POL611	Administrative law. Students learn how policy is filtered before-and-after through our administrative legal system. They gain practical understanding of how constitutional and administrative law principles impact the development, implementation, and evaluation of public policy.	1, 2, 3