Spertus Master of Science in Nonprofit Management

Curriculum

The Spertus Master of Science in Nonprofit Management (MSNM) program is delivered in a cohort format, which starts throughout the year. Students can complete the program in a variety of formats, and while the core curriculum remains fairly consistent, students should refer to their individual program type to determine exact curricular content and completion options.

Core Courses

Overview of Nonprofit Organizations and the Management of Nonprofits (3 classes)
Essential Skills for Thinking Critically (4 classes)
Written and Oral Communication Skills (8 classes)
Management and Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations (8 classes)
Organizational Culture and Governance (6 classes)
Management of the Work Environment (8 classes)
Strategic Planning (6 classes)

Applied Research and Program Evaluation (8 classes)
Budgeting and Finance (8 classes)
Revenue Development (6 classes)
Legal and Human Resources Issues (8 classes)
Writing for the Professions (6 classes)
Knowledge Management (6 classes)
Ethics in Nonprofit Organizations (6 classes)
Program Capstone (5 classes)

Program Completion Options

Option A
Select one of the three Concentration Areas (upon completion, will be designated on your transcript)

Fundraising Management Concentration
History and Infrastructure of Philanthropy (4 classes)
Donor Cultivation (6 classes)
Entrepreneurial and Earned Income (5 classes)
Grantwriting for Nonprofit Professionals (6 classes)

Human Services Administration Concentration
American Social Policy and the Development of Human Services (6 classes)
Analysis of Community Characteristics (5 classes)
Special Issues in Human Services Administration (4 classes)
Grantwriting for Nonprofit Professionals (6 classes)

Jewish Communal Services Concentration
Jewish Studies for the Communal Professional (7 classes and an independent project)
On Becoming an Effective Jewish Leader (7 classes)
Grantwriting for Nonprofit Professionals (6 classes)

Option B
Independent Project (in lieu of Concentration Area)
Literature Review and Analysis
Organizational Study
Grant Proposal

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