

Community-based Assessment and Evaluation

School

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Program Specific Admission Requirements

Graduate and law students enrolled at St. Mary's University will be eligible to enroll in the program upon acceptance and enrollment at St. Mary's. Interested students will contact the certificate program director who will contact the registrar to officially enroll students in the certificate program. The program director will also confirm that all certificate requirements have been completed, issue the certificate, and instruct the registrar to add the certificate to the student's transcript.

Certificate in Community-based Assessment and Evaluation

- Community-based Assessment and Evaluation (catalog.stmarytx.edu/graduate/humanities-social-science/community-based-assessment-and-evaluation/certificate-in-community-based-assessment-and-evaluation)

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AE 5388. Grant Writing. 3 Semester Hours.

Determining organizational resource needs, identifying grants, writing and revising grants, and submitting grants. Hands-on experience in the use of grant websites.

AE 5389. Applied Program Evaluation. 3 Semester Hours.

This course is designed to introduce students to the process of program evaluation. It assumes that students have introductory-level proficiency in statistics and research methods and challenges them to apply their knowledge in these areas toward solving actual problems in authentic contexts. As such, students will begin the course by learning core concepts related to the various roles of evaluators, identifying stakeholders, methods of building rapport, the process of conducting needs assessments, strategies for creating information feedback loops within existing organizational structures, managing setbacks and obstacles, and report writing. They will then be asked to identify a campus or community organization with whom to work, establish a plan of action that has an appropriate scope and meets an agency-defined need, complete the necessary steps for their project, and submit a professional report. Students will emerge from the course with a basic understanding of the nature of program evaluation and preliminary experience in the field.

AE 6310. Race, Class and Gender in Community-based Research. 3 Semester Hours.

Students will be exposed to the ways in which race, class, and gender interact to influence how organizations define and respond to the needs of their clients. Special emphasis will be paid to how client needs have been conceptualized and measured in historical and contemporary times.

AE 6385. Advanced Statistics. 3 Semester Hours.

Advanced topics in statistics to include the analysis of variance, factor analysis, multiple discriminant analysis, multiple regression analysis and the use of statistical software to assist in these analyses.

AE 6387. Qualitative Methods. 3 Semester Hours.

Students will be introduced to the foundational concepts of qualitative research methodologies. Special emphasis will be placed on critical theory and grounded theory as theoretical approaches toward assisting organizations in documenting internal functioning and service provision. Strategies for combining quantitative and qualitative methodologies are highlighted.