Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Maggie and I am a staff member in The Graduate School at Grand Valley State University. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Grand Valley's Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership. Today we're going to cover the admissions process, program requirements, and the qualities that distinguish this program.

Let's start by explaining to you what this certificate program entails. The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership is designed to provide current nonprofit employees with the opportunity to strengthen their skills through lecture and experiential opportunities in the community. This is a 15-credit hour program and can be completed in 2 years as a part-time student. All of the students in this Graduate Certificate program are part-time students, who work while attending class.

The nonprofit sector is one of the nation's fastest growing job sectors; in fact, approximately 1/6th of all current jobs are in the nonprofit sector. But GVSU recognizes that many individuals find their way into the field without an educational background in nonprofits. The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership is designed to fill in some of the gaps that exist in training for nonprofit managers and leaders.

Standard Grand Valley admission requirements include completion of the online application as well as a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education. Your application must include official transcripts, and if English is not your native language you must provide scores from one of our approved standardized tests such as the TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or the PTE Academic. There is a $30 nonrefundable application fee, however this fee is waived if you attended GVSU previously or are currently attending GVSU.

Applicants for this certificate program should also submit three letters of recommendation and a personal statement explaining why they are seeking this Graduate Certificate at GVSU.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on our website, www.gvsu.edu/spnha/.

The great news about Grand Valley's graduate programs is that tuition rates for Michigan resident and non-resident students are the same. In other words, there are no extra costs for being an out of state student. Current tuition costs and information about scholarships and financial aid can be found at www.gvsu.edu/financialaid or by calling 616-331-3234. For information on graduate assistantships, please contact The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu.

The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley is a 15-credit hour program. Students will enroll in four courses focused on financial management, general management, board governance and policy advocacy. Each student also enrolls in three one-credit hour workshops that explore specialized topics in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors. For a complete listing of all courses please visit www.gvsu.edu/spnha/ .

GVSU's nonprofit program is ranked as the 15th best program in the nation, with our alumni going on to enjoy significant careers in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. While enrolled at GVSU,

our students are able to take advantage of easy access to the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy, one of the nation's leading institutes dedicated to the study of giving.

That is just a snapshot of the Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley State University. We hope that you will consider applying to a graduate program at GVSU. Any questions can be directed to the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Michelle Wooddell, at wooddelm@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.