Master of Science in Professional Studies

Are you
looking
to launch,
change, or
advance your
career?

Leveraging Your Experience. Empowering Your Future.



The MS in Professional Studies program provides students with the highly valued interpersonal skills needed to collaborate, negotiate, and lead effectively in today's workplace by offering a blend of quantitative and qualitative courses. The interdisciplinary Workplace Competencies concentration allows students to apply their knowledge and learned skills across multiple industries.



1ST COHORT PLAN OF STUDY		
Term	Course #	2-Course/Term
Term 1: Fall	PRST 501	Communication for Professionals
	PRST 503	Ethics for Professionals
Term 2: Winter	PRST 504	Research Methods & Statistics
	PRST 603	Communicating in Virtual Teams
Term 3: Spring	PRST 612	Data Analysis & Interpretation
	PRST 615	Program Evaluation
Term 4: Summer	PRST 640	Policy Analytics
	PROJ 501	Introduction to Project Management
Term 5: Fall	COM 610	Theories of Communication & Persuasion
	ORGB 631	Leading Effective Organizations
Term 6: Winter	ENTP 585	Innovation in Established Companies
	ORGB 625	Leadership & Professional Development
Term 7: Spring	CRTV 503	Creativity in the Workplace
	ORGB 64	Negotiations for Leaders
Term 8: Summer	PRST 699	Capstone

PROGRAM GOALS

The MS in Professional Studies Program aims to equip students with the following demonstrable skills:

COMMUNICATION enhancing oral, written, and non-verbal communication skills to allow students to easily relate to, collaborate with, and lead others in the work place - both in person and virtually

LEADERSHIP providing students with the necessary tool to lead people and organizations through the acts of negotiation, attracting and sustaining talent, and thinking and acting strategically to achieve results

CRITICAL INQUIRY training students to conduct research and collect data using proven scientific methods and then evaluate and analyze that data to make profitable decisions in the workplace

ETHICS developing a moral and ethical framework from which organizational decisions can be made

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT PROFILE

The students who will benefit from the MS in Professional Studies will have a minimum of three years in the work force. They will be in lower management or looking to move into management, but whose options are limited without the quantitative and qualitative skills necessary to succeed in today's workplace.

CAREER PLACEMENT

Our professors are career professionals bringing real-world workplace situations to our virtual classrooms better preparing you to apply your learned skills in the following industries: communications, human resources, finance, insurance, marketing, utilities, pharmaceuticals, among many others. How you apply this degree is up to you! Regardless of the career path you choose, the MS in Professional Studies degree will hone your skills allowing you to leverage yourself into various levels of middle and upper management with continued possibilities to climb the corporate ladder.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- 3.0 GPA on undergraduate or other completed Master's transcripts
- 2 Professional Recommendations (3 preferred)
- Resume (minimum of 3 years work experience)
- · Statement of Purpose (250-500 words)
 - » Why is the individual pursuing a Master's degree?
- Students may also submit (if they choose not required) any of the following:
 - » GRE/GMAT scores
 - » Example of a work project that demonstrates his/her current skill
- Up to 6 transfer credits may be accepted if the courses taken closely align with the core courses in the MS in Professional Studies curriculum
 - » Any students wishing to receive transfer credits must submit the following for review:
 - · Proof of the grade
 - · Course Description
 - Course Syllabus (from the actual course taken)
- Application Deadline for Fall 2016 Start: August 1, 2016

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