M.S. in Nonprofit Leadership

Fordham’s Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership program offers a skills-focused graduate degree designed for leaders and managers in the nonprofit sector. Jointly run by Fordham’s top-ranked Graduate School of Social Service and Gabelli School of Business, this program will give you the solid business foundation and management skills you need while offering a social justice focus on organizational change and leadership.

Supported by expert faculty and comprehensive academic resources, this future-oriented nonprofit management program emphasizes the development of sophisticated leadership skills. As a student in the program, you will benefit from the expertise of our leadership lab mentors, who serve as current leaders in a wide range of nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Program Highlights

- Emphasis on the development of practical skills and knowledge
- Deep commitment to the values of social justice
- Strong focus on leadership
- Curriculum that covers ethics, organizational culture, fiscal management, resource assessment, fundraising, executive board relations, social innovation, organizational change, and more
- Leadership Labs, taught by leadership mentors, that help you translate theory into real-world application

Careers

As a graduate of Fordham’s Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership, you will be an ideal candidate for positions in a variety of settings, from healthcare to social service agencies to the arts. Possible positions include:

- Chief executive officer
- Director of programs
- Director for individual giving or events
- Chief board relations officer
- Senior operations manager

Contact: Fordham Center for Nonprofit Leaders, 212-636-6676 or nonprofits@fordham.edu.

Requirements

- Experienced direct service professionals who aspire to move into administrative and leadership roles
- Experienced graduates of MSW and MBA programs who seek leadership roles in the nonprofit sector

Application Checklist

Online Application

Resume or Curriculum Vitae: Please submit your work experience in the form that best highlights your leadership skills and experience.

Personal Statement: Write about your interest in nonprofit leadership, what your future plans are as a nonprofit leader, and how this degree will help you get there.

One Professional Reference: Please provide a professional reference that attests to your work ethic and academic ability. Approved references are past and present employers, professors, internship supervisors, and approved volunteer coordinators.

Official Transcript(s): Please submit official transcripts to:
Fordham University
Graduate School of Social Service
Office of Admissions
113 West 60th Street, Suite 608
New York, NY 10023.

Application Fee: $60

Questions?

Contact us via email at nonprofits@fordham.edu or by phone at 212-636-6676.

Requirements

One-year, 30-credit program hybrid program designed for working professionals.

There are three semesters:

- Semester 1: May - August
- Semester 2: September - December
- Semester 3: January - April

The program is anchored in three Leadership Courses and corresponding Leadership Labs on campus. The Leadership Labs will meet on Saturdays (every other week for seven sessions) that correspond to each leadership course.

In addition, there are three fully online asynchronous courses (no live instruction time) where you will access the material and structure your learning at your own pace.

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## Plan of Study

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Total Credits: 30

## Resources

- Academic Calendar
- Class Schedule
- MSNPL Student Handbook AY 18-19