

Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Program Podcast

Hello, my name is Kassie 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 Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership program. 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 program entails. The Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership will prepare students to become leaders in the nonprofit and philanthropic sector through lecture and experiential opportunities in the community. This is a 36-credit hour program and can be completed in 2 years as a full-time student or 3-4 years as a part-time student. Most of the students in this program are part-time students, who work while attending class. Students are able to complete the program completely online or in a hybrid format.

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.

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.

Many applicants to the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership graduate program come to us with work experience, which leads to a high level of discussion. If you do not have work experience, we encourage you to reach out to the Program Director prior to applying. Applicants should also submit three letters of recommendation.

More program details as well as the online application can be found on the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership website, www.gvsu.edu/grad/mpnl/.

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 Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership program at Grand Valley is a 36 credit hour program. In addition to 24 credit hours of core courses, students choose from one of three concentrations – Mission Advancement, Community Impact or Nonprofit Healthcare. Each student will complete 9 credit hours in their selected concentration. Finally, each student 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/grad/mpnl/.

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 Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership graduate program 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. Raymond Higbea, at higbeara@gvsu.edu or to The Graduate School at gradschool@gvsu.edu. Thank you for your time and we hope you have enjoyed this podcast.