

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFIT STUDIES

The Certificate in NGO and Nonprofit Studies at KPU prepares students for entry-level work at Nonprofit Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). In Canada, the nonprofit and voluntary sector include over 1 million full-time (FTE) paid employees with an increasing move towards professionalization. Accordingly, the program draws on courses from the Faculty of Arts, the School of Business, and the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. This range of courses ensures familiarity with organizational structure of nonprofits, financial management and accountability, cultural competency, social innovation, and a background in the social values associated with the sector.

Who Studies Non-Governmental Organizations and Nonprofit Studies?

The Certificate in NGO and Nonprofit Studies is readily accessible to recent high school graduates who are passionate about social change and are interested in pursuing one of the many volunteer opportunities available in the sector. The program also welcomes mature students who are undertaking career changes and those already working in the sector whose retention depends on the availability of further education pathways. Given global humanitarian efforts, the program is also well suited to international students.

At KPU, the quick turn-around (30 credits) and community service-learning partnerships with local nonprofit organizations mean students can learn about the sector early on and get into the field as soon as possible. Students may start fulfilling Certificate requirements directly upon entering or may choose to complete the Certificate in NGO and Nonprofit Studies while pursuing a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), or programs in other areas of the university.

Career Opportunities

Our graduates would be most suited to apply for some combination of the following postings:

- Project Facilitator/Coordinator
- Contract Outreach/Community Engagement Liaison
- Project Analyst/Researcher
- Office Assistant/Marketing Assistant
- Development Officer/Grant-Writer
- Volunteer Coordinator

Programs

- Certificate in Non-Governmental Organizations and Nonprofit Studies (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/non-governmental-organizations-nonprofit-studies/non-governmental-organizations-nonprofit-studies-certificate/>)