

National CED Weekend Masters of Science

The *School of Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University* is the first accredited program in the United States to confer masters and doctorate degrees in community economic development (CED). The School is accredited by the *New England Association for Schools and Colleges* and the *New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission*. We are a leader in the creation of innovative educational and training initiatives in the United States and internationally. The *School* advocates community development as a way to improve marginalized communities. With over 1,000 graduates, our students and alumni are often a leading force behind key community initiatives.

Our mission is to provide education and training to a diverse group of community economic development (CED) practitioners, policy makers, community leaders and change agents, and equip them with the knowledge, skills, tools and techniques to have the greatest impact in improving the economic and social well-being of their communities.

The National Community Economic Development (NCED) Master of Science

The NCED Program caters to CED practitioners in the US. It is a 20-month Masters degree designed for working professionals interested in gaining the credentials and skills to help communities become more stable and achieve greater ownership over resources. NCED participants travel to New Hampshire from as far away as Canada, Hawaii, Florida, and Puerto Rico. They work in diverse settings: inner-city neighborhoods, poor rural areas and Native American reservations. Students take courses one long weekend per month (Friday - Sunday), and work online the rest of the month. This allows students to continue working while going to school. Programs overlap, offering NCED students an opportunity to work with doctoral and international students. Classes begin every September.

Project:

Participants are required to plan and implement a CED project in their communities as part of the program. Typically, the project is linked to their area of specialization and employment; it can also be a project in a field new to the student. The sequence of project courses (CED791 through 794) takes place throughout the duration of the program and is designed for students to learn and apply directly all the skills and tools CED practitioners need to enhance their community-based work. This "learning by doing" approach ensures that students benefit from a hands-on, applied and practitioner-oriented experience. Topics covered include, but are not limited to, community needs assessment, outcomes-based project design, the logic model, research and statistical analysis of socioeconomic data, project implementation, and project evaluation. The final report on the project is a requirement for graduation and serves the purpose of a graduate thesis.

Specializations:

NCED students are eligible to earn CED specializations and continuing education certificates in several areas of study:

- *Affordable Housing*
- *Construction & Production Management*
- *Development Finance*
- *International Microenterprise Development*
- *Community Building & Organizing*
- *Neighborhood Revitalization*
- *Cooperatives & Credit Unions*
- *Nonprofit Management*

The Curriculum:

Students must complete required courses and 39 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0 to graduate.

Required Courses

- CED 400 Accounting Foundation (or waiver test)
- CED 701 Introduction to CED (3 credits)
- CED 703 Managerial Accounting (2)
- CED 704 Financing CED (2)
- CED 705 Financial Management (2)
- CED 706 Business Development (2)
- CED 707A Organizational Management (2)
- CED 707B Organizational Management (2)
- CED 731 Diversity in Organizations (1)
- CED 791 Project Design in CED (4 credits)
- CED 792 Project Planning in CED (4 credits)
- CED 793 Project Management in CED (4 credits)
- CED 794 Project Evaluation in CED (4 credits)

A minimum of 7 additional elective credits from the following:

- CED 507 Housing & Land Policy (2)
- CED 521 Perspectives in International Dev. (1)
- CED 522 Microenterprise Development (2)
- CED 523 Topics in CED (2)
- CED 523A Topics in CED (1)
- CED 531 Indigenous Economics (2)
- CED 702 Law & Community Development (1)
- CED 702A Advanced Law & Community Dev. (1)
- CED 708 Fundamentals of Cooperatives (2)
- CED 709 Marketing, Fundraising & Promotion (2)
- CED 710 Housing Development (2)
- CED 712 Information Technologies & CED (2)
- CED 717A/B Independent Study (1-2 credits)
- CED 718 Nonprofit Management (3)
- CED 722 Negotiation Strategies (1)
- CED 723 Training of Trainers (2)
- CED 724 Marketing Strategies (2)
- CED 725 Faith-based CED (2)
- CED 726 Strat. Management of Faith-based CED (2)
- CED 730 Community Organizing and CED (2)
- CED 750 Affordable Housing Finance (3)-NRC
- CED 751 Affordable Housing Finance (3)-NRC
- CED 752 Community Building Principles (3)-NRC
- CED 753 Community Building Strategies (3)-NRC
- CED 755 Community Economic Dev. Tools (3)-NRC

Partnerships:

- The School's partnership with *Neighborworks* National Training Institute —the largest CED trainer in the US— allows NRC training to be linked to graduate credit or a Master's degree in CED at the School.
- The *Peace Corp Masters International* program is available to students before or after they serve in the Peace Corp. Students returning from the Peace Corp are given special consideration for admission and scholarships, and the program offers students up to \$2000 towards their education. Students who go through the CED program before their service, are given special consideration to the Peace Corp after graduation.

Tuition:

The National CED Masters Program is designed to be affordable and to accommodate the needs of the working practitioner. The 20-month program is divided into four semesters. Tuition is \$3400 per term for 7-15 credits; under 7 credits the charge is \$500 per credit. Costs for transportation, living expenses, books and materials may also apply. Tuition is subject to change on an annual basis. Some financial assistance is available based on need.

Admissions:

Early Admission deadline is June 30th

Program applications can be completed online or downloaded from the web and printed. Information about program requirements, costs and scholarships can be obtained by contacting the admissions office using the information at the bottom of this page.

Applicants for a *Masters* degree need: a bachelors degree from an accredited institution, 2-5 years work experience, computer literacy, e-mail and Internet access, complete application, transcripts, reference letters, application fee, and resume.

Each year the School of CED accepts a limited amount of waiver candidates. In these cases the bachelor degree requirement is waived in exchange for at least five years experience in the field of CED. Waiver candidates will need three letters of recommendation and will need to pass an entry exam.

Centers:

The School of CED organizes policy and research under several centers which are open to Masters students.

- **Applied Research Center in CED** (www.snhu.edu/ced see the research and policy link): ARC acts as an umbrella for interdisciplinary applied research by collaborating faculty from different schools, and as the research training arm of the School of CED. It sponsors a Colloquium Series open to the community.
- **Center for Community Economic Development (CCED)**: The School's private nonprofit subsidiary, acts as a center of practice in CED.
- **Center for Community Economic Development & Disability** (www.snhu.edu/ced): Seeks to leverage CED resources & expertise to serve people with disabilities.

Professional Training Institutes:

The School offers short-term training institutes (certificate programs) open to students for credit or certificates.

- Community Development Credit Union Institute
- Financial Innovations Roundtable
- *Stonyfield Farms* Entrepreneurship Institute
- Microenterprise Development Institute in NH and South Africa. (See www.MDI-NH.ORG OR www.MDI-SA.ORG)



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