WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN PHILANTHROPY AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

If you want to make a difference in the world while making a living, then a career in the nonprofit sector is for you. Philanthropy and nonprofit management graduates can work for one of the nation’s 1.6 million nonprofit organizations which now employ more than 11.4 million people. In Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 1 in 5 people work in the nonprofit sector. As baby boomers exit the sector, nonprofits will be seeking passionate, highly qualified college graduates who bring both advanced knowledge and experience to the nonprofit sector. Nonprofit professionals manage agencies and projects, provide direct services to those in need, advocate for social justice and raise funds to change the world.

PHILANTHROPY AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT AT SRU

Graduates with this major are highly competitive in the job market as Slippery Rock University is the only university in Pennsylvania that offers an undergraduate degree in philanthropy and nonprofit management and is one of fewer than 25 such programs in the nation. In addition to earning a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Programs-Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management, students in the program are eligible for the nation’s only nonprofit management credential, Certified Nonprofit Professional, which is awarded by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance.

WHY CHOOSE PHILANTHROPY AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT AT SRU?

1. Experienced Faculty: You will be taught by full-time faculty members, not graduate assistants, who bring real-life examples, research and nonprofit sector experience to enhance your learning experience.

2. Individualized Course of Study: Students select their own emphasis area based either on functions within the nonprofit sector or types of services provided with the help of their adviser.

3. High-Impact Practices: All philanthropy and nonprofit management courses include high impact practices, such as service-learning and faculty-student research, making the course work relevant and the learning meaningful.

4. Networking Opportunities: You will have numerous opportunities to build your nonprofit professional network through class-based projects, special initiatives, professional development opportunities and internships.

5. Certified Nonprofit Professional: The Nonprofit Leadership Alliance’s Certified Nonprofit Professional credential is the only national nonprofit credential for the nonprofit sector and SRU is the only university in the northeastern U.S. that is affiliated with the Alliance. Philanthropy and nonprofit management students have the opportunity to earn the CNP, which tells potential employers that they have met competencies in 10 areas and are prepared to make a difference the first day on the job.
INTERNERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students have completed internships at various locations including:

- Boy Scouts of America
- Catholic Charities
- Habitat for Humanity
- Human Rights Council
- NeighborWorks
- Soufriere Regional Development Foundation (St Lucia, West Indies)
- YMCA

CAREER OUTCOMES

Graduates of the department have secured careers in the following areas:

- Case Manager, Shelter House, Arlington, Virginia
- Children’s Programs Coordinator, Erie YMCA, Erie, Pennsylvania
- Compliance Officer, Alliance for Nonprofit Resources, Butler, Pennsylvania
- Development Director, ARC of Butler County, Butler, Pennsylvania
- Development Director, The Colonial Theater, Keene, New Hampshire
- Director, Adventures in Training with a Purpose, Hermitage, Pennsylvania
- Executive Director, Venture Outdoors, Pittsburgh
- Marketing and Special Event, The State Theater, State College, Pennsylvania
- Marketing and Development Manager, Harbor Playhouse, Corpus Christi, Texas
- Network Research Coordinator, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Akron, Ohio

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Student Nonprofit Alliance
- Sigma Nu Alpha Nonprofit Honorary

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Grace Evans
Program associate, RK Mellon Foundation

“Like many college students, I spent my first few years of undergraduate study unsure what career path I wanted to pursue. My interest in civic engagement and volunteering led me to the philanthropy and nonprofit management program, which opened my eyes to the impact that can be made on your community and the world through work in the nonprofit sector. Through the coursework and the hands-on experiences, internships and service-learning opportunities, I gained the tools and knowledge to get kick-start my career after graduation.”

Chad Barger
Founder and managing director, Productive Fundraising

“My experience in SRU’s nonprofit program was truly life altering. I came to The Rock as a business major but the incredible experiences that I had volunteering and serving as a leader with the on-campus service-learning program led me to switch my focus to the nonprofit sector. I’m proud to be the first recipient of SRU’s nonprofit leadership certificate and it has served me well over the years. Having a strong academic background in nonprofit leadership and fundraising enabled me to have a job in place months before graduation and later to become a nonprofit executive director at age 27. Almost every week I reflect back on my time at SRU and how much impact it has had on my career and life. I am truly grateful for the opportunities that were available to me and that continue to be there for the SRU nonprofit graduates of the future.”

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