The courses are designed to complement each other with minimal overlap or repetition of information. They are non-linear, so individuals can begin the coursework in any semester. To accommodate working professionals, one course is offered per semester, in the evening (7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. CST).

All courses are hybrid format, delivered simultaneously on campus and to distance students who sign in using video, audio, and high-speed internet. Through this technology, students in any location with access to the required equipment can participate in the certificate program.

Application and Costs

Application forms and information on admission and financial support are available from the Graduate School.

www.graduateschool.und.edu/my-gradspace.cfm

On-campus student tuition rates are determined by residency status. Minnesota residents may apply for MN reciprocity rates.

Online students may also attend at resident rates regardless of their location.

For more information about tuition visit:

www.business.und.edu/mpa

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The University

The University of North Dakota is the oldest of North Dakota’s state-supported institutions of higher learning. Its beautifully landscaped main campus is located in Grand Forks, a community of about 50,000 on the North Dakota-Minnesota border.

The University offers the largest and most diversified graduate and professional programs in the region. With an enrollment of more than 13,000, of whom 2,700 are graduate and professional students, UND is large enough to provide excellent resources for graduate study. It has the state’s largest library and extensive computer facilities.

Abundant cultural and recreational opportunities are found in the area, and the metropolitan centers of Winnipeg (Manitoba) and Minneapolis are readily accessible.

For more information, visit UND's website at www.und.edu.
Social entrepreneurship is a rapidly evolving field. It can be generally described as the use of entrepreneurial principles to address existing social problems. The entrepreneur is a creative person dedicated to a social cause, creating and managing ventures and social enterprises.

The certificate program evolved out of a cross-disciplinary partnership at UND. Students are provided the diverse academic background needed to succeed as a social entrepreneur, which includes links to business, sociology, nonprofit management, political science, and public administration.

The program provides a regionally-unique educational opportunity to students at all points in their career paths. The student body has diverse backgrounds, since solutions to social and community problems can come from creative-minded people from a variety of undergraduate fields.

Social entrepreneurship certificate requirements:

- **POLS 561:** Creation and Management of Social Enterprises
- **POLS 562:** Political Advocacy and Social Entrepreneurship
- **ENTR 580:** Seminar in Social Entrepreneurship
- **SOC 568:** Sociology of Social Entrepreneurship

The four courses in the program have specific requirements related to social entrepreneurship, and the program itself has a portfolio requirement. A finished portfolio will contain four projects, one from each of the four courses, and students have the opportunity to focus these projects toward a specific social problem.

The portfolio serves several purposes related to the educational goals of the certificate:

1. **Makes a connection to the world outside of the classroom through research of real problems, working toward practical solutions.**
2. **Provides a head start on confronting a social problem and creating a social enterprise.**
3. **Creates a presentation piece for potential employers or funders after graduation.**
4. **Serves as an assessment tool for program faculty.**

**Admissions requirements:**

1. Students must hold a baccalaureate degree from an educational institution of recognized standing.
2. A student’s undergraduate cumulative grade point average must be 2.75 or higher or 3.0 in junior/senior years. This threshold is a minimum; meeting it will not guarantee admission.
3. International students must meet the English language and other admission requirements of the University of North Dakota.
4. Applicants must submit a personal statement addressing how the certificate will help them meet their goals, official transcripts of all coursework completed, two academic or professional letters of reference, and a description of any relevant work experience (résumé).

Why the College of Business and Public Administration?

Our individualized programs, small class sizes, and strongly committed faculty and administrators help prepare our graduates to become leaders in the private, public and nonprofit sectors. The CoBPA is one of a very select group of schools to have accredited graduate programs in business (AACSB), public administration (NASPAA), and technology (ATMAE).

The College of Business and Public Administration has received recognition for its educational excellence in many areas. For instance, *Entrepreneur Magazine* and *The Princeton Review* have distinguished the College as having one of the top 25 entrepreneurship programs in the country for four years running. The College also has a rich history of delivering quality distance education programs in many disciplines.