PREPARE FOR A STIMULATING AND IMPORTANT CAREER IN ELECTIONS

America’s election system faces an urgent need for professionals who are well-trained in the policies and processes of election administration. This pioneering online Certificate in Election Administration program will prepare you to become a creative and committed leader in the field.

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

- Knowledge of ever-changing and complex election laws, regulations, and technology
- Ability to respond to the steady demand for experienced elections and voting professionals
- Career-enhancing connections that tap into the experience of your peers

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The Certificate in Election Administration is presented in an accessible and stimulating online format by national experts and taught by highly ranked faculty committed to creating a supportive online community. You will have access to self-paced, interactive, and relevant coursework 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world.

THE CERTIFICATE IS IDEAL FOR

- Current election administrators who are seeking professional development and advancement opportunities
- Currently enrolled graduate students seeking to enhance policy credentials
- Prospective policy students who are seeking a career in elections

PREREQUISITES

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
- A valid TOEFL or IELTS exam with minimum score of 100 (TOEFL) or 7.0 (IELTS) for non-native English speakers

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Resume
- Personal statement
- College transcripts
- TOEFL/IELTS scores (required for most non-native English speakers)

CURRICULUM

The fully online Certificate in Election Administration requires 12 semester credits, including three core courses, one capstone project, and two elective credits.

Core Courses (required)

- Survey of Election Administration (PA 5971)
- Election Law (PA 5972)
- Politics of Public Affairs (PA 5973)
- Election Administration Capstone Project (PA 5974)

Elective Courses (2 or more credits required)

- Election Design (PA 5975)
- Voter Participation (PA 5976)
- Public Budgeting for Election Administration (PA 5977)
- Management of Organizations for Election Administration (PA 5978)
- Communications for Election Administration (PA 5979)

“Preparing the next generation of election officials, as well as furthering the professional development of existing election administrators, was a key recommendation of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. Programs like the Humphrey School’s will help develop tomorrow’s professionals by preparing them to conduct elections in an environment which requires a comprehensive skill set in order to be successful—and our democracy depends on it.”

Tammy Patrick, member, Presidential Commission on Election Administration and former Maricopa County, AZ Election Official