The primary goal of the program is to prepare policy analysts and policy/program evaluation specialists who work for governments and not-for-profit organizations for professional analytical tasks. The 12-credit curriculum is designed to educate students in the basic concepts and analytical tools of policy analysis and evaluation profession. Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward a Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.) degree in Public Administration (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/public-administration/) at Penn State Harrisburg, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree in Public Administration must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the Public Administration graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

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