The primary goal of this graduate certificate is to educate administrators and professionals in government and not-for-profit organizations who need to acquire additional knowledge and skills in the following areas:

1. fiscal and governmental aspects of budgeting and financial management;
2. development of organizational budgets; and
3. governmental and not-for-profit accounting.

At the end of the program students will be able to:

- Explain the significance of key topics in government financial management (governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels) as they relate to public sector organizations.
- Describe how government financial management can contribute toward more efficient use of public resources, increased transparency and improved accountability.
- Identify and describe the role of key actors in the government financial management process.
- Apply key financial management planning, management, and control tools to addressing resource constraints, and meeting transparency and accountability demands.

Effective Date: Spring Semester 2017
Expiration Date: Spring Semester 2022

Admission Requirements
Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies). International applicants may be required to satisfy an English proficiency requirement; see GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students) for more information.

Certificate Requirements
Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in Graduate Council policy GCAC-212 Postbaccalaureate Credit Certificate Programs (http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-212-postbaccalaureate-credit-certificate-programs).

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Courses
Graduate courses carry numbers from 500 to 699 and 800 to 899. Advanced undergraduate courses numbered between 400 and 499 may be used to meet some graduate degree requirements when taken by graduate students. Courses below the 400 level may not. A graduate student may register for or audit these courses in order to make up deficiencies or to fill in gaps in previous education but not to meet requirements for an advanced degree.

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