

Success in Steps



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Roger Williams University
SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES



Bachelor of General Studies in Community Development

At the School of Continuing Studies, our Community Development programs seek to empower students by providing them with the skills they need to affect change in their own communities. These skills are built through a core set of courses that include management, housing and development skills and a hands-on internship to assess issues affecting modern day communities and community development agencies. Our hope is to develop graduates who understand both how to work with individuals and how to affect communities' positions within the context of larger social institutions.

The concentration in Community Development was created through a partnership with Housing Works Rhode Island. Originally designed for practitioners working in the community development field, this program focuses on skill building and enhancing professional expertise. Community Development at SCS is interdisciplinary in nature, and allows students to pursue a variety of electives to build their own program.

The School of Continuing Studies

The School of Continuing Studies (SCS) at Roger Williams University is committed to helping you take the next step in your education. Whether you're looking to advance or change career paths or simply fortify your personal knowledge, SCS has a range of options that include degree completion, professional programs and enrichment courses.

Offering more than a dozen degree programs as well as undergraduate and post-graduate certificate options, SCS graduates are highly prepared for a variety of in-demand careers. With flexible scheduling and the opportunity to transfer up to 90 credits of previous coursework, military training, and professional and life experience, SCS will put you on the fast track for your future goals.

The School of Continuing Studies is also home to the Professional Education Center, specializing in personal, professional and custom corporate education and training programs.

Program Outline

TOTAL MAJOR CREDITS: 24

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

CD	220	Elements and Issues in Community Development
CD	351	Sustainable Economic and Community Development
CD	352	Non-Profit Management
CD	440	Public Administration Practicum

The public administration practicum (internship) may be satisfied through either the documentation of community development employment experience or through learning experiences acquired by placement. Since the program was designed in partnership with the Housing Network of Rhode Island, students are expected to satisfy the requirements of the internship with the Housing Network or an affiliated community development organization.

MAJOR ELECTIVES: (9 CREDITS)

Four (4) electives are chosen by the student and advisor from the areas of leadership and non-profit management; housing, planning, and development skills; and community economic and social development. Electives may include any of the following:

ACCTG 201	Accounting I Financial
MGMT 200	Management Principles
COMM 300	Principles and Practices of Public Relations
CD 201	Public Administration
CD 305	State and Local Government
CD 306	City Management
CD 340	Public Policy
CD 360	Communications in Organizations
CD 411	Grant Writing
SHS 417	Human Resource Development
SHS 421	Social Gerontology
SOC 234	The Family
SOC 238	Urban Sociology
SOC 250	Soc. Perspectives on Social Problems

Special topics courses from various disciplines may be used if they relate to community development, such as: community development block grants, participatory community building, planning in community development, housing management, and legal and regulatory environment in community development.

CORE CURRICULUM: (30 CREDITS)

Includes two writing courses (including Expository Writing or the equivalent); a Mathematics skills course; and at least one approved course from each of the following categories: Natural Science, Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Science; and additional liberal arts electives for a total of 30 credits.

ELECTIVES (54 CREDITS)

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: 120

Delivery Options:

SCS offers two course formats to fit your individual learning needs as well as your schedule:

1. Traditional classroom setting in Providence
2. Fully online courses

ACCELERATED DEGREE COMPLETION

In order to move your career forward as quickly as possible, RWU may accept up to 90 credits from:

- Prior college coursework
- CLEP and/or DANTES examinations
- ACE-evaluated military training
- Other professional experience

Additional Degree Options

Certificate – Community Development

Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Community and Economic Development

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Prospective School of Continuing Studies Student,

The decision to begin or complete an education program is a big one. It's a commitment of critical time and resources, so it's important to know that the University you choose will partner with you from start to finish.

SCS understands the need for an affordable, high-quality education that's tailored to your schedule and educational goals: degree completion, career training or both! We ensure that our programs are relevant, tied to industry needs, and provide you with the skills, knowledge and experience you need today so you can be ready to adapt and thrive in tomorrow's evolving marketplace.

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But most of all, we're here to support you. We're an open-door community with personalized advising and attention so you can get the most out of your education. Finally, we're committed to awarding you the most credit possible for your professional, life and educational experience, helping you fast-track your future goals.

We look forward to helping you create your next opportunity.

Jamie E. Scurry

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School of Continuing Studies

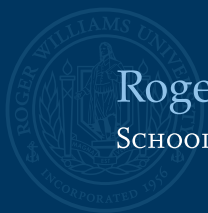


CONTINUOUS ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

At the School of Continuing Studies we offer each of our students a personal advisor who will help you with scheduling, enrollment and any other issues that may arise throughout your time at RWU. We do this because we believe that the best academic experience comes from a support system that you can always count on.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in the School of Continuing Studies are eligible for all of the traditional forms of financial aid that are normally associated with adult and continuing education students. In addition, our Advisory Board for Continuing Education makes several scholarships available each academic year to eligible students enrolled in the School of Continuing Studies, based on a combination of financial need, academic promise, prior academic experience and/or community service. Applications for these scholarships may be obtained through the School of Continuing Studies main office.



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