

EDUCATION POLICY GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

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EDPO 601 or EDPO 870	P-12 Policy Challenges Education Policy: Process, Context, and Politics	3
EDPO 602	Higher Education Policy	3
EDPO 603 or EDPO 886	Conflict and Consensus: Education, Interest Groups and Advocacy School Reform in the United States: Politics and Policies	3
EDPO 604	Education Policy Implementation	3
Total Credits		15

Note: Students may substitute other CEHD 800-level graduate courses upon approval by the education policy program director and course instructor.

Overview

The innovative Education Policy Graduate Certificate is designed to meet the needs of students with an interest in improving educational opportunities and student outcomes through federal, state, and local policy. The 15-credit program focuses on the study of education policy, including how decisions are made at various levels of government, how decision makers use educational research and evidence, and how to influence the decision-making process. Open to all students, regardless of their experience level, the program examines pressing challenges facing our education system, from preschool and K-12 through college and beyond, and prepares students to engage effectively with policymakers and stakeholders and to help shape and influence education policy.

The field of education policy needs professionals who can understand and analyze problems, think critically, and come up with creative and pragmatic solutions to address tough challenges in the world of education. Whether interested in pursuing a career in government, the education sector, think tanks, or nonprofit organizations, the Education Policy Graduate Certificate is meant to set students on the path to impacting education policy.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

For policies governing all graduate certificates, see AP.6.8 Requirements for Graduate Certificates (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/graduate-policies/#ap-6-8>).

Requirements

Certificate Requirements

Total Credits: 15

This certificate may be pursued on a part-time basis only.

Coursework

Code	Title	Credits
EDPO 600	History of Education Reform	3
or EDPO 885	History of Education in the United States	