

Advanced Degrees

Ph.D and Masters of Arts Programs

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



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A photograph of a man with grey, curly hair, a beard, and glasses, wearing a dark blue hoodie over a white collared shirt. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking to a group of people, of whom only the profile of one person is visible on the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Go Advance Your Education.

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— Richard Koenig

Go for the advanced degree.

Ph.D. in Community Economic Development

The Ph.D. program is for pathfinders who plan to be scholar-practitioners and build the community economic development knowledge base. The program will prepare you for teaching, research, policy or management careers in higher education, government and the nonprofit sector. The focus is on conducting original research and obtaining skills to shape policy at local, regional, national or international levels. You will specialize in one area of concentration, such as theory, policy or management, and complete a related dissertation.

Students must complete 54 credit hours of course work; the core may be completed in two years, followed by comprehensive exams and a dissertation. Classes are held on campus over five weeks per semester (five days per weekend) and are enhanced by online learning. Each three-hour class meets 14 times per semester. Students-in-residence often are involved in school projects and progress faster. Doctoral students who complete 36 credit hours of course work are eligible to receive an M.A. degree.

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Ph.D. Student Ana Klincic

Ph.D. student Ana Klincic has developed a key perspective through her studies at the School of CED: Her skills and experience will help her empower people and show them a path to a different future, but her opinion shouldn't drive them.

“I wouldn't like to impose that on them,” she said. “The most important thing is that you can work with the community; you can work with a group of people to help them achieve their best potential.”

Ana, of Croatia, works in international microfinance development. She has practiced in Belgium, Bosnia, Croatia, Zambia and the Czech Republic.

The Ph.D. Curriculum

Requirements include five courses in research methods, each with statistics and software labs; five theory courses, three electives and five dissertation courses. Courses are three credits. Students must also complete a four-semester research/teaching apprenticeship, three comprehensive exams, a dissertation proposal and a dissertation based on original research.

Courses

PhD courses are intended to support academic training in Evaluation & Research Methodologies, CED Theory and Policy Analysis. All courses taken in the Program are designed to support the successful completion of PhD comprehensive exams. Elective courses include topics such as Organizational Analysis, Advanced Financial Analysis and the Management of Nonprofit Organizations. For a complete list of courses and their related descriptions see www.snhu.edu/1727.asp

Research courses include labs on relevant statistics and analysis using SPSS, MapInfo Pro for applied geography or other software programs.

Practicum

During the four-semester practicum, you will be assigned supervised research and teaching assistant duties. Once the practicum is complete, you may teach as a paid adjunct faculty member or engage in funded research as a research associate.

Contact Ph.D. Chair Yoel Camayd-Freixas at y.camayd-freixas@snhu.edu for additional information.

“I am hoping that with my education and professional experience and the things that I am exposed to that I will be able to work for the benefit of the communities,” she says. “I can have the greatest impact on decision making if I am working on a policy level.”

Because she travels so much, the School of CED's supportive environment is comforting.

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Go for the expertise.

Master of Arts Programs

The Master of Arts in CED Policy

This program for senior professionals focuses on community economic development policy; it provides a shorter program of study than the Ph.D. program. It emphasizes analytical skills for policy makers and senior managers. A supervised paper acts as a thesis. Candidates for the M.A. must complete 36 credits of course work that includes required doctoral-level courses and a planned combination of policy-oriented courses.

Curriculum

Courses taken as part of the M.A. in Policy Program consists of required courses designed to support the needs of senior administrators with a focus on Research & Evaluation, Policy Analysis & Demography. Elective MA courses include Project Planning and Development and Economic Theory. For a complete list of courses and their related descriptions see www.snhu.edu/1727.asp

Research courses include labs on relevant statistics and analysis using SPSS, MapInfo Pro for applied geography and mapping and other software programs.

Course work in the Advanced Practitioner MA programs may be completed over 20 months. Depending on the courses taken each semester, students follow either the Masters schedule (four three-day weekend meetings per semester) or the PhD schedule (five, five-day weekends per semester). MA doctoral-level courses may be applied toward the PhD degree; however, the Masters and PhD programs are separate, with different requirements, applications, and admissions criteria.

Contact MA Chair Charles (Chuck) Hotchkiss at c.hotchkiss@snhu.edu for additional information.

Applied Research Center in CED

The school organizes research under the Applied Research Center, which is sponsored in part by the Ford Foundation. Ph.D. students engage in research through the center's Sponsored Research Program, which is funded by federal grants, and the Professional Practice Program, funded by planning and research contracts with municipalities. The ARC sponsors a monthly Colloquium Series and a publications program through the Community Economic Development Press. The center acts as an umbrella within the university for interdisciplinary research by faculty from several schools and as the research training arm of the School of CED.

ARC research services include:

- surveys and polls
- case studies and best practices
- demographic analysis and GIS mapping
- disability and CED
- evaluation research and program review
- innovation in development finance
- analytical focus groups
- organizational analysis
- policy research

Visit www.snhu.edu/378.asp online for more information.



School of Community Economic Development

About the School

The School of Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University is an internationally recognized leader in education, public policy, research and institution-building in the field of community economic development. We advocate community development as a strategy for correcting social and economic inequality. We have served more than 1,200 development practitioners from around the world with its educational and professional development programs during the last 25 years.

We offer Master of Arts and Ph.D. programs in community economic development, nonprofit management and policy for advanced practitioners. The weekend format enables you to pursue your degree while continuing to work.

Our programs provide policymakers and practitioners representing community-based organizations with skills in planning, management and finance and the development tools that enable them to build their communities. With its highly acclaimed degree and certificate programs offered on campus in the U.S. and partnerships with universities in Africa, the Phillipines and Los Angeles, the school has demonstrated the importance of the practice of community economic development domestically and internationally. It is an academic affiliate of NeighborWorks America® and the Peace Corps and has been recognized as a Center of Excellence by the U.S. Congress.

Our Programs

Here you'll learn with accomplished professionals – practitioners and scholars who are dedicated to community development. You'll obtain knowledge and practical skills in planning, finance, policy and research and be able to apply them in a variety of settings. Faculty members are professionally active in the field and engaged or affiliated with major CED institutions.

Our interdisciplinary advanced programs feature:

- extended weekend scheduling geared for working professionals.
- an effective peer-learning model enhanced by class discussion, colloquia, online education and original research.
- a supervised research and Teaching Apprenticeship Program (Ph.D.).
- almost twice the research training of a typical Ph.D. program.
- a strong curriculum anchored in professional practice and delivered in an environment that is diverse and informed by local, national and international perspectives; half our advanced students are people of color, half are women and half are international students.

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Ph.D. Student Richard Koenig

Ph.D. student Richard Koenig has been helping create affordable housing for more than a decade.

The former executive director of the Housing Opportunity Development Corporation in Chicago, Richard developed more than 200 affordable housing units worth more than \$30 million. He has started a community development consulting firm in his new hometown, Detroit.

“I am trying to give (people) the opportunity to make a difference for themselves,” he says. “I bang my head against the wall trying to create units, trying to create that opportunity for people, and then

set it out there for them, and hopefully they can take advantage of that.”

Richard enrolled in the School of CED doctoral program to expand his knowledge about the field and appreciates that he can continue working while pursuing his advanced degree.

“It is one of the very, very few opportunities to have a weekend program where a full-time professional can expand their professional skills,” Richard says. “I think it's a really special place.”



Go apply.

Admission and Tuition Information

Application & Admissions information is available online at:

www.snhu.edu/1726.asp – Ph.D. Program

www.snhu.edu/1859.asp – MA Programs

Tuition information is available online at:

www.snhu.edu/551.asp

Application Deadlines:

Feb. 1 (early admissions)

March 15

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Visa Applications

Due to homeland security measures, the process of applying for a visa for entry into the United States may be quite long and difficult. It is imperative that you begin the process early. The U.S. government requires that all international students acquire an F-1 Student Visa. Visit www.unitedstatesvisas.gov online for visa information.

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