MPNA 695 : Capstone in Community Oriented Management

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

The Capstone course for the MPNA program seeks to integrate learning from earlier course work and focus that learning on issues facing our diverse communities. Attention is given to the capacities of professionals in the government and nonprofit sectors to deal effectively with community issues, and the relationships between leadership/management practices and community development. The course includes both case studies as well as a major Capstone project, including direct community engagement for those who wish to have this opportunity.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/02/2012 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. To help students integrate previous learning and apply it in a community level context.
2. To engage students at a deeper level with some of the most critical current issues in the field of public/nonprofit administration, and to be better prepared to tackle them in professional work after graduation.
3. To challenge students intellectually and professionally, to better prepare them to confront conceptual issues and pursue on-going learning and mastery in their work in the public arena.
4. To assist students in clarifying and expressing the professional and personal values that already guide or should guide the work that they do.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Community Engagement
Prerequisite: Completion of 32 MPNA credits or permission of either the instructor or academic advisor.