

## DURP Revises Its Professional Planning Certification Program

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The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa recently approved revisions proposed by the Department of Urban and Regional Planning to its Professional Planning Certificate program. This program, which was launched in 1985, is designed for professionals who work as planners in their current job, but do not have a master's degree in urban and regional planning. Applicants to the revised program, which starts in January 2017, must have at least two years of employment in either the public, private or voluntary sector.

To earn a Professional Planning Certificate, students must complete five 3-credit courses. They include one required and four elective courses, most of which are offered during evening hours. A public capstone presentation of a course project or paper is also required. Students may attend classes on the UH Manoa campus or arrange to take courses through real-time distance learning when available. For a list of electives in different course streams, please visit this Web site: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/durp/academics/course-streams/>.

Applicants must have: (1) an undergraduate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in any field; and (2) a minimum of two years of experience in planning or a closely related field. Applicants may obtain an online or paper application form by visiting this Web site:

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/submitting-your-application>.

Applicants should submit original transcripts to: Office of Graduate Education, 2540 Maile Way, Spalding Hall 354, Honolulu, HI 96822. Coursework completed at any University of Hawaii campus will be automatically obtained on behalf of applicants. The Department's Admissions Committee will review the application when it is complete. TOEFL or IELTS exam scores are required for international students.

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August 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applications for admission to the fall semester. December 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for applications for admission to the spring semester.

Courses taken towards the Professional Planning Certificate can be applied towards the Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree, if the applicant is admitted to the MURP program before receiving the Professional Planning Certificate. Courses cannot be double-counted towards both the Certificate and MURP degree.

Tuition through Outreach College is \$1,911 (Hawaii resident) and \$4,596 (out-of-state and international) per three-credit course offered at the graduate level for the 2016-2017 academic year.

For more information, please call 808-956-7381 or visit [www.durp.hawaii.edu](http://www.durp.hawaii.edu).