

ASU's nonprofit center receives high marks

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The ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy & Nonprofit Innovation has announced that its nonprofit leadership and management offerings, encompassing undergraduate, graduate and professional development, have met all eight criteria required for the *Nonprofit Quarterly's* review of a fully comprehensive nonprofit management program.

To be named a fully comprehensive program, institutions had to offer noncredit programs, undergraduate certificate programs, undergraduate concentrations (3+), graduate nonprofit studies classes, graduate certificates, graduate concentrations leading to a master's degree, a graduate degree in nonprofit studies, and online courses.

Hundreds of programs from across the country were reviewed, with only ASU and North Park University in Chicago fulfilling all eight criteria.

"There is no question that ASU has led the nation in the field of nonprofit management education given the array of degree programs, certificate programs and other opportunities we provide for students at all levels," says Robert F. Ashcraft, the director of the ASU Lodestar Center and a professor of nonprofit studies in the School of Community Resources and Development.

"When considering the full range of activities we provide including professional development (non-credit) options, research projects, community capacity building initiatives, conferences and other parts of our center's portfolio means that this university clearly has the most comprehensive nonprofit portfolio of activity among any university in the nation," Ashcraft says.

The ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation (formerly the ASU Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management), is recognized as a national leader in undergraduate and graduate nonprofit education, research and technical assistance.

The ASU Lodestar Center exists to enhance the quality of life in communities through the advancement of nonprofit leadership practices and provides knowledge and tools to build the capacity of nonprofit organizations, professionals, board members, donors and volunteers by offering a selection of capacity building workshops, conferences, classes, and programs.

For more information, visit the Web site <http://nonprofit.asu.edu>.

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