



CNP Credential for Professionals

Fully Online Professional Path to the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP)

The CNP credential can be earned by nonprofit professionals who have a:

1. Bachelor's degree (accredited college or university) *and*
2. A minimum of 3 years of paid professional experience (one year at a nonprofit organization)
Note: [AmeriCorps Service Year](#) or a proctored internship at a nonprofit organization meets the professional experience requirement.

The program is designed to develop knowledge and skills aligned with the [Ten Core Nonprofit Competencies](#) of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance CNP credential.

Requirements:

1. Bachelor's degree in any field of study from an accredited college or university
2. Minimum of 3 years paid professional experience with one year in the nonprofit sector
3. Complete eight online classes offered through [EMU's Extended Programs](#). Courses cost \$250 each (10% discount applied if 8 courses are purchased together). If you are employed by one of the [NLA National Partners](#), there is a 20% discount for these classes. EMU accepts the [Segal AmeriCorps Education Award](#).

Additional costs include:

- Enrollment fee: \$25
 - Credential fee: \$100
4. Demonstrate nonprofit leadership and service activities. Professional candidates for the CNP should have evidence of leadership and volunteer service experience in one or more nonprofit organizations outside their paid professional nonprofit position. (*Note:* AmeriCorps Service Year meets the nonprofit leadership and service activity requirement.)

Examples include:

- Chairing a committee
 - Planning or managing an event
 - Serving on a nonprofit Board of Directors
 - Participating in a local professional association
 - Other activities approved by the Campus Executive Director
5. Attend a national nonprofit conference for professional development.
Options include:
 - Attendance at the annual Alliance Management Institute conference (registration \$385)
 - Virtual Alliance Management Institute (\$200)

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