## Sample Plan of Study

### Core Curriculum

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<td>CED 719</td>
<td>Community &amp; Natural Resource Management</td>
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Choose five courses in at least two specialization tracks: **15 Credits**

- Natural Resources Management Track
- Working with Native Communities Track
- Building Economic Capacity Track
- Non-Profit Management Track

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**Thesis or Creative Component:** **up to 6 Credits**

**Total Credits:** **36**

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"Working full time and still being able to work on obtaining a degree is a great thing, especially when that degree is of the same caliber that you would receive on-campus."

— Maureen, Cogswell, ND
Master’s Degree
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

This degree is for community leaders, practitioners and for those committed to people and places. It provides the skills, information and networks needed to facilitate sustainable and prosperous community change. Finally, this degree program equips practitioners with the tools necessary to build communities for the 21st Century.

Community development training is essential because it:

» Initiates social action processes and helps to maintain balance to improve social economic cultural and environmental situations.

» Encourages people to see the whole picture.

» Engages citizens in democratic decision-making and action.

» Teaches critical thought, ethical consideration, careful planning and involvement of all stakeholders.

Students enrolled in the M.S. or M.A. program must take 36 semester credits.

The Master’s in Community Development is offered through the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (GPIDEA). The Great Plains IDEA is a consortium of eleven universities offering fully online graduate programs. Online courses are taught by the best faculty in the discipline from several universities.

In a multi-institution degree program:
1. You apply and are admitted to one university;
2. enroll in all your courses at that university; and
3. graduate or receive a certificate from that university.

A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
from an educational institution of recognized standing with adequate preparation in a related discipline.

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT
of at least 3.0 or equivalent at the baccalaureate level.

SUBMITTED APPLICATION
directly to the NDSU Graduate School.
All applications will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

TUITION & FEES
View Great Plains IDEA tuition for the current academic year (fall, spring and summer) at www.ndsu.edu/dce/degrees/tuition_fees/great_plains_idea_program_tuition_fees. Tuition includes all instruction and examinations. Books and other course materials are not included. No other fees are assessed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM:
http://ndsu.me/dcemscd

FOR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
www.ndsu.edu/gradschool
701-231-7033

More info?

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NDSU online classes are a very efficient use of my time when having to maintain my work/life balance.

— David, Beaverton, OR