

## NPP Degrees Cheat Sheet

### **Associate in Arts**

The two-year Associate of Arts focuses on the knowledge and skills upon which nearly all four-year degrees are based. You study a broad range of topics with other adults – all with a focus on real-life application with no “busy work.” Weekly classes with professors, 24/7 access to online tutoring, and the support of fellow students have enabled busy professionals like you to complete their degrees and progress towards their educational goals.

### **Associate in Ministry Leadership**

The Associate in Ministry Leadership enables you to earn a two-year degree that both satisfies the educational requirements for minister credentials and that includes critically important supporting courses such as Psychology and Communications. All courses can apply to the BA Ministry degree, making this a good mid-point as you progress towards your educational goals.

#### Why Ministry Leadership?

In addition to the general goals of NU, completing this program provides learning opportunities which should enable the students to:

- Integrate biblical and theological knowledge with the practice of ministry and daily life;
- Demonstrate biblical literacy and exegetical skills;
- Effectively communicate the gospel;
- Enter vocational ministry;
- Provide a foundation of ministry in a non-ministerial vocation
- Exhibit habits of lifelong learning

### **Bachelor of Arts in Ministry Leadership**

Students who pursue a degree in ministry leadership want to make a difference in their church or organization. Through our partnership with Northwest, our goal is to provide a high-quality, biblically sound education for working adults who want to have an impact in their community. So, whether you're working full time or taking care of the family at home, your nine-to-five doesn't have to keep you from touching others for eternity.

Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Demonstrate biblical literacy and exegetical skills
- Present a carefully reasoned, coherent Christian worldview
- Lead a life of integrity, compassion, service, and self-sacrifice based on the Christ-centered application of biblical truth
- Communicate the gospel through effective strategies of evangelism, teaching, preaching, and discipleship
- Exhibit habits of learning through experience, self-reflection, critical thinking, sensitivity toward diversity, and personal prayer
- Comprehend and apply effective leadership, organizational, and interpersonal skills
- Understand and utilize media, computing resources, and basic financial data
- Show evidence of confidence, understanding, and skill in leading worship, administering ordinances of the church, caring for the suffering, and leading other ministry activities of encouragement and comfort.

Common career paths include:

- Pastor or Youth Pastor
- Church Administrator
- Counselor
- Youth Counselor
- Religious Activity Director
- Missions
- Ministerial Education

### **Bachelor of Arts in Business Management**

At Northwest University, the desire is to nurture God's calling on your life by providing an academically rigorous road which will wind its way to your diploma with a true liberal arts education. Whether your goal is graduate school or founding your own company, you will be encouraged to learn the basics but dream bigger than ever before.

Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Learn project and organizational management principles you can apply from day one.
- Develop effective presentation and interpersonal communication tools that will help you express yourself clearly.
- Research the latest theories in business operations, human resources, finance, and marketing.
- Understand ethics and ethical decision-making in both for-profit and non-profit organizations.
- Observe organizational culture and how it influences a corporation.
- Discover the real-world challenges and solutions facing businesses today.

Common career paths include:

- Client Services Manager
- Project Manager
- Office Manager
- Human Resources Manager
- Business Manager
- Community Manager
- Graduate Studies

### **Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies**

Your college years are a time of exploration—learning, growing, considering new perspectives. So why choose only one major when you can combine components of Northwest's 70+ different majors and programs? With NU's interdisciplinary studies program, you'll design your own course of study—one that fits your unique goals and interests. Through the mentorship of a personal advisor and experienced professors, you will explore the possibilities and start on the path toward your future.

Examples of self-designed study programs:

- Business with Communication
- Psychology with Ministry Leadership
- Business Management with Communication
- Business Management with Ministry Leadership
- Psychology with Humanitarian Leadership
- Psychology with Communication
- Organizational Leadership with Communication

Common career paths include:

Some of the fields that a degree in interdisciplinary studies can open for you include:

- Business
- Project Management
- Social Work
- Non-profits
- Administrative roles within a church
- Ministry
- Graduate Studies

### **Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership**

The Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership is an “in career” degree focusing on developing the personal characteristics and professional competencies needed for success and career advancement within your chosen vocation and/or place of employment. Organizational Leadership draws from a cross-section of disciplines with the common focus of practical application in today’s highly mobile and demanding workforce. Built upon a leadership core that is applicable to leading across a broad range of settings, you then coordinate with your advisor to design your academic program based on your chosen leadership path. This major will challenge you to expand your professional potential within your unique calling and future plans. Thus, you are better equipped to advance within your current setting while being more prepared for future vocational opportunities.

Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Analyze the underlying philosophies and approaches for corporate decisions
- Apply the principals involved in building and motivating effective teams
- Plan the optimum approach for decision-making in various organizational settings
- by using tested leadership principles
- Evaluate methods and strategies to maintain effectiveness during changing
- organizational environments
- Articulate your personal philosophy of leadership
- Understand the importance of ethical standards in leadership
- Position yourself for leadership openings
- Approach advancement opportunities with confidence and insight

Common career paths include:

- Entry-level management
- Project Management
- Social Work
- Non-profit administration team
- Administrative roles within a church
- Human Resources
- Consumer Relations
- Health-care administrator
- Graduate Studies

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Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Core Level Business Knowledge: Graduates demonstrate knowledge from a variety of business disciplines and apply the knowledge and skills to reach solutions to business needs. Graduates understand and demonstrate general theories, principles, processes and skills in: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Management, and Marketing.
- Business Management Major Knowledge: Graduates demonstrate knowledge and skills required for effective business careers.
- Innovation & Critical Thinking: Graduates identify problems, analyze information, form conclusions and propose innovative solutions within the business context.
- Leadership & Communication: Graduates communicate correctly and purposefully in written and oral presentation formats.
- Integrity & Ethics: Graduates understand and approach ethical issues in business from an informed Christian perspective.
- Professionalism: Graduates develop a career strategy and obtain practical experience in their major field.

Common career paths include:

- Sales Manager
- Compensation and Benefits Manager
- Insurance Underwriter
- Industrial Production Manager
- Management Analyst
- Non-profit administration team
- Human Resources
- Consumer Relations
- Training and Development Manager
- Graduate Studies

### **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

Most adult students that embark upon a psychology degree are interested in a career in either social work, school psychology, or the counseling profession. For this reason, Northwest's academically rigorous, student-focused psychology program prepares students for entrance into graduate school. As such, a student will earn from NU a well-rounded psychology degree that sets him or her up for graduate school success and, subsequently, a rewarding career in the counseling profession.

Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Have knowledge regarding the purpose of the human mind and behavior from both a scientific and distinctive Christian worldview
- Be equipped with a well-rounded social science foundation
- Have a better understanding of multicultural considerations as integrated into the psychology curriculum
- Consider the meaning and application of social justice and social advocacy within a psychological and cultural context
- Understand the healing process for hurting individuals and communities in a local and global context
- Be a well-prepared candidate for graduate school in social work, school psychology or clinical counseling

Common career paths include:

- Advertising Agents
- Career Counselor
- Academic Counselor

- Case Manager
- Social Work
- Child Care Worker
- Market Research
- Probation Officer
- Graduate Studies
- Counseling with further education and licensing

### **Bachelor of Arts in Humanitarian Leadership**

This degree prepares graduates to serve through a variety of agencies and ministries focused on those who have been impacted by natural or human-made disasters. The program focuses on preparation for, immediate response to, and ongoing support in domestic and international settings. The major also enables graduates who are in a variety of leadership settings with agencies that support community development, migrant and refugee outreaches, children and youth affected by abuse or displacement support, and public policy initiatives.

#### Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Discuss the heart of God as the motivation for effective and sustained compassion activities.
- Assess procedures for supporting those who provide compassion services.
- Formulate effective physical, psychological, and spiritual methods of helping people in poverty and people experiencing suffering.
- Develop approaches for working in cooperation with other compassion providers on local, regional, national, and international levels.
- Critique administrative and financial strategies for presenting and supporting humanitarian projects.
- Design efficient and effective activities for providing initial and ongoing disaster relief services in domestic and international settings.

#### Common career paths include:

- Field Officer
- Logistician
- MEAL Officer
- WASH Officer
- Protection Officer
- Legal Aid Officer
- Cultural Mediator
- Base Manager
- Graduate Studies

### **Bachelor of Arts in Communication**

We live in a communication-oriented society. Our world is significantly influenced by both the personal and mediated communication of individuals from diverse social, political, professional, and religious groups. Never has there been such a demand for leaders with advanced communication skills and knowledge.

The major in Professional Communication provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to fulfill their calling in the workplace. The major offers courses for aspiring leaders who seek to improve their communication skills and grow as individuals of impact in their professional environments.

The program offers many advantages, including the freedom to tailor course assignment to meet their personal or career interests. After completing the core courses, students have an opportunity to learn specific skills and competencies needed in professional settings such as business and professional writing, conflict resolution, and public relations.

Students who graduate with this degree will be able to:

- Create compelling verbal presentations.
- Analyze the effectiveness of various messages.
- Apply communication principles to professional settings.
- Integrate personal spirituality into their own approach to communication.

Common career paths include:

- Public Relations Specialist
- Meeting/Event Planner
- Media Planner
- College Alumni & Development
- Social Media Manager
- Business Reporter
- Graduate Studies