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Grant Academy Certificate

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Program Description:

The Grant Academy Certificate gives professionals the complete toolkit for identifying, writing, and managing competitive grants. Learners gain hands-on experience through every stage of the grant lifecycle.

Program Requirements:

To earn the **Grant Academy Certificate**, you must successfully complete the 6 required courses. **Microcredentials** are earned concurrently with the certificate, pending completion of all courses elements, students will receive up to 3 microcredentials, please see listing below:

Grant Research & Strategy Microcredential
- (GR1160) Identifying Funding Sources
- (GR1163) Grant Prospecting Strategies

Grant Writing Bootcamp Microcredential
- (GR1166) Writing Competitive Proposals
- (GR1167) Budgeting for Grants

Grant Compliance & Impact Microcredential
- (GR1172) Managing Funded Projects
- (GR1175) Evaluating & Reporting Outcomes

All Courses Include:

Foundational Instruction:

The essential concepts and theoretical building blocks. Delivered in person, with remote access available via UNLVgo (Canvas) for flexibility.

Proficiency Lab:

Hands-on, practitioner-led application. This session is strictly in person to facilitate collaborative learning and skill-building.

Mastery Project:

Final assessment and demonstration of competency. Delivered either in person or online, depending on the specific course requirements.

Note For Returning Students: *If you have previously taken courses in former academic plans, please email our team @ ce-assistant@unlv.edu for a personalized transcript review to see how your credits transfer toward current program requirements.*

Course Descriptions:

Grant Research & Strategy Microcredential

Identifying Funding Sources:

This foundational course teaches systematic methods for researching the funding landscape, including government, corporate, and private foundations. Learners gain skills in database navigation and preliminary qualification of prospects to build a diverse pipeline.

Grant Prospecting Strategies:

Participants move beyond simple searching to develop strategic prospecting plans tailored to organizational needs and funder priorities. The focus is on analyzing funder behavior, relationship management, and prioritizing leads for the highest return on investment.

Grant Writing Bootcamp Microcredential

Writing Competitive Proposals:

This hands-on course covers the entire proposal writing process, from crafting compelling executive summaries to articulating clear problem/solution statements. Learners will master the language and structure necessary to meet strict funder requirements and secure resources.

Budgeting for Grants:

This financial course teaches participants how to develop accurate, compliant grant budgets that align closely with proposal narratives and reporting standards. Emphasis is placed on direct vs. indirect costs, sustainability planning, and budget justification techniques.

Grant Compliance & Impact Microcredential

Managing Funded Projects:

This course addresses the operational and compliance requirements that begin once a grant is awarded. Participants learn how to set up internal systems for tracking expenditures, managing timelines, and ensuring programmatic delivery is on target.

Evaluating & Reporting Outcomes:

Learners master the use of logic models and performance indicators (KPIs) to measure program impact and meet funder accountability demands. The course focuses on writing clear, factual final reports that summarize achievements and justify the use of funds.