

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT PACKET

Thank you for your decision to apply to Future Generations University for a Master of Arts in Applied Community Development. This Registration & Enrollment Packet contains information to aid you in your application. We look forward to having you join our global community. Welcome!

If you have any questions or need help with your application, please call Paula Collier, registrar, paula.collier@future.edu, 681.271.0519.

A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AT **WWW.FUTURE.EDU**

Future Generations University features extensive registration and admission information on the website. Find the online registration form, academic catalog, financial aid forms and resources, student right-to-know documents, and more.

REGISTRATION FORM

APPLY BY JUNE 15 FOR FALL SEMESTER



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC AND CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY CONTACT
- ☐ A CURRENT RESUME OR CV THAT HIGHLIGHTS YOUR COMMUNITY WORK
- ☐ TRANSCRIPTS FROM YOUR UNDERGRADUATE AND ANY GRADUATE DEGREE
Submit a transcript (official or unofficial) for any post-secondary college or university studies that you completed.
- ☐ STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (500-750 WORDS)
Tell us about your background and experience, and explain how you think a master's degree in Applied Community Development will help you achieve your goals. Please be specific. Feel free to be creative with this. Show your passion.
- ☐ LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
Provide one reference, whom the Admissions Committee will contact. This should be a past or current employer, academic advisor, professor, or colleague who can comment meaningfully on your capacity to undertake graduate studies and applied community research and work. You are responsible for contacting this reference to ensure they accept this invitation.

KEY DATES

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall 2025 – June 15, 2025

Spring 2026 – January 1, 2026

Fall 2026 – June 15, 2026

Spring 2027 – January 1, 2027

SEMESTER DATES

Spring 2025 – February 10 – June 6, 2025

Appalachia Residential 2025 – June 15 – 27, 2025

Fall 2025 – August 11 – December 5, 2025

Spring 2026 – February 9 – June 4, 2026

TUITION, PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT, FINANCIAL AID

TUITION

Admitted Students

Cost Per Credit Hour \$800

Prior Learning Assessment Fees

Cost per Credit hour \$250

NEED-BASED AID

As part of our commitment to reach the most students, we offer need-based scholarships to qualifying individuals. Admissions decisions are need-blind. Once you are admitted to the university, we will work with you to figure out how to best fund your education.

FINANCIAL AID HANDBOOK:



GET CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW

www.future.edu/prior-learning-assessment/

Your experience in community development can earn you credit for what you already know. A **Prior Learning Assessment** will ensure you get the credit you have already earned and only take the courses you need to graduate.

Use your work, volunteer, or educational experience to obtain credit for a course. This provides a way to validate what you already know how to do in community development, allowing you to earn your degree more quickly.

If your experience aligns with courses in the Future Generations Course Catalog, you may be able to obtain credit for this course once you have demonstrated you have gained the necessary skills and knowledge through life experiences.

2025 ACADEMIC CATALOG:



ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS TRACK

Future Generations University offers an Alternative Admissions Track, a path to qualify for the master's program without a bachelor's if you demonstrate that you can perform at a graduate level. Enroll and receive a B or better in four courses, after which you will be qualified for admission to the MA program based on your proven performance.

ALTERNATIVE ADMISSIONS REGISTRATION:



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FUTURE GENERATIONS UNIVERSITY DEGREE: HOW DOES IT WORK?

The University offers one degree: a Master of Arts in Applied Community Development. The degree is 32 credits. Full-time students take nine credits (three classes) per semester.

Four core courses are required for graduation. All other credits can be earned through a combination of elective courses, personalized learning courses, and residential courses.

CAN I ATTEND PART TIME?

Yes! You can take one or two classes, as your schedule permits. Our students have full lives outside of school and a full-time academic schedule isn't feasible for everyone. In addition, you can start classes either in the fall semester or the spring semester. The curriculum is designed with a slight advantage to starting in the fall, but especially for those attending part-time, that advantage is minimal.

HOW DO CLASSES WORK?

The University uses a blended learning model. Classes meet live, online, for one hour each week. All coursework, which includes readings, videos, PowerPoint presentations, are completed and graded online. Every class includes a community lab. All lab work is done within your community, so what you learn in class is applied directly to your community.

DO ALL CLASSES MEET VIRTUALLY?

You can earn your master's degree without having to leave home, as described above. There is no travel requirement. However, optional **Residential Courses** are offered at least twice a year for 2-3 credits. These are similar to short-term study abroad programs. They last 10-14 days and examine aspects of community development around the world.

Recent and upcoming residentials include: Appalachia; India; Nepal; Vietnam; India. Thanks to a generous gift, the cost of attending these residentials is heavily subsidized for students – you pay only regular tuition (\$800 per credit, less University scholarship you may have) plus the cost of travel to/from the Residential. Meals, accommodation, travel during the residential are all covered in the cost of tuition.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Applicants can expect to hear back about their acceptance within five weeks of their completed application. Applications received after the admission deadline will be reviewed as time allows, but may need to defer their start date to the following semester. Upon acceptance, applicants are encouraged to fill out a financial aid application right away. The financial aid process, from application to award, take approximately two weeks.

Once the financial aid process is complete, students receive a future.edu email address and login details to an online onboarding course that familiarizes them Moodle, the University's learning platform, and other digital course tools.