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"This is an exciting time to be in the nonprofit and fundraising field," states Dr. Melissa Morriss-Olson. "In the last decade, the growth in the number of nonprofits and people working in this critical sector, coupled with

the increased presence of these organizations on the public's radar, has elevated the importance of effective leadership, fiscal stewardship, and professionalism in these organizations. With the College's Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy and graduate certificates, we provide people with the skills and knowledge to thrive and succeed. We give them the tools to make a difference in people's lives." For most of her career, Dr. Morriss-Olson has been connected to the nonprofit field both as a fundraising leader and as an educator. Previously a professor for nonprofit management at North Park University in Chicago, she was also the founding director for the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management at North Park. Dr. Morriss-Olson has a bachelor's degree from Bemidji State University in Minnesota, a master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University, and a PhD from Loyola University of Chicago.

**About Bay Path College**

Founded in 1897, Bay Path is a four-year, private college offering undergraduate degrees for women; graduate degrees for men and women; and Bay Path Online, the College's distance learning center offering graduate degrees and certificates. The main campus is in Longmeadow (MA), and there are satellite campuses in Sturbridge/Charlton (MA) and Burlington (MA).

**Accreditation**

Bay Path College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., (NEASC) through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Inquiries regarding accreditation by NEASC should be directed to the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Bay Path College.

The MS in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy follows the guidelines established by NACC—the nationally prestigious Nonprofit Academic Centers Council of ARNOVA (the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Actions), and is a member of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council.

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# ADVANTAGES

## The Bay Path Advantage:

**Convenience** Choose the format that fits your lifestyle—on campus, online or both.

**Quality** Faculty are scholars-practitioners in the nonprofit area—bringing to the classroom a strong knowledge of theory combined with real-life experience.

**Relevant** Classroom learning is immediately applicable with an emphasis on cutting-edge issues affecting the nonprofit world of today.

**Community** Extend your learning with numerous networking opportunities with classmates and faculty.

**Consistent** Both the online and on campus programs are taught by the same faculty and courses contain the same material.

**Personalized** Opportunity to customize your degree with concentrations that fit your workplace needs or career goals.

**ROI** A unique, final capstone project that consolidates your knowledge and experience providing you with a return on investment that yields new leadership skills, perspective, and confidence.



## Scholarships & Financial Aid

### We work with you.

At Bay Path College, you'll find that our graduate programs are competitively priced, allowing you to affordably earn a degree with exceptional value.

We know how important it is to finance your education. You have questions: Can I pay for it? How can I balance this commitment with my other expenses?

Our financial aid counselors work one-on-one with you to answer these questions and talk with you about:

- Special scholarships that are available for the MS in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy for prospective students from organizations designated as 501 (c)(3), 501 (c)(4), or 501 (c)(6) Higher Education Administration
- Low-interest Stafford loans that cover tuition regardless of income
- Bay Path scholarship program

## Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy

Nonprofit organizations employ a sizable and increasing share of the nation's workforce. Advance your career in this important high-growth sector as you enhance your ability to create social change with Bay Path's **MS in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy**. Whatever your background, you will gain the management and organizational skills you need to become a true changemaker—both for your organization and your career.

Graduates from this program can work in a variety of settings including: private or public nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities, corporations or businesses with a social responsibility or community involvement component, foundations, or consulting services.

*Note: Nonprofit employment statistics cited in The Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies' report "Employment in America's Charities: A Profile," 2006.*

## Graduate Admissions Requirements

You may apply for admissions to the MS in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy program throughout the year. Typically, students begin the program in the fall semester. For consideration, you must submit the following documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Application or apply online
- Essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- A nonrefundable application fee of \$45
- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (a minimum GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale is preferred)

Click on Graduate Programs at [www.baypath.edu](http://www.baypath.edu) for a detailed list of courses, schedules, information on financial aid, and application.

## Program consists of 12 courses:

**Eight core courses and four electives (each course is eight weeks long) allowing you to complete the program in 20 to 24 months.**

**The MS in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy offers several graduate certificates that allow you to customize your degree by selecting electives within one of the following concentration areas:**

- Strategic Fundraising
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Entrepreneurial and Innovative Process
- Strategic Human Resource Management
- Leadership and Personal Effectiveness
- Housing Development and Leadership
- Management of Faith-Based Organizations
- Nonprofit Governance
- Organizational Development
- Higher Education Administration