

## **Lakota Leadership and Management (LAKM) Capstone experience**

The Lakota Leadership and Management degree has two options within the capstone experience. Candidates must select an option when applying for candidacy in one of the degree programs. Options are listed below

Option one: Community Action Project (CAP)

Option 1 is the Community Action Project (CAP). This is a year-long six credit hour course. Preparation for this course begins one semester prior to enrollment, usually held in April. Candidates must attend the CAP seminar and meet all deadlines prior to enrollment. Candidates can refer to the Graduate Studies Handbook for full CAP requirements and process.

LAKM 706 Tiospaye Ecel Waecunpi kta Wounspe  
(Community Action Project)

Community Action Project is original research designed collaboratively by candidate and faculty advisor. Results of research are presentation and adherence to the process of research and writing. The Process: Topic selection, proposal submission, project development, project documentation (technical paper), and APA writing style. Note: only those candidates who have completed 30 hours of the program may register for this course. Prerequisite: All core and professional core requirements 30 credit hours.  
6 graduate credits

Option two: 703 A& B Community Development and Sustainability I & II

The Graduate Studies Department created a non-thesis option as an alternative to the Community Action Project within the Lakota Leadership and Management Degree.

Option two is a capstone educational experience in applied management for the Master of Arts in Lakota Leadership and Management degree. Graduate Candidates will apply the selected Leadership and Management skills in the public and private sector in; tribal and non-tribal governmental and social structures, social or enterprise operations in the development, management, and ongoing evaluation of programs.

These two courses are designed to provide an opportunity for the Graduate Candidate to demonstrate the Lakota Leadership and Management skills and concepts through a Wolakota perspective. This course is an immersive leadership experience encouraging the Graduate Candidate to use discretion in decision-making, analysis, and evaluation beyond the exercise of routine tasks with the mentorship of faculty and community leaders.

LAKM 703A Community Development and Sustainability I

This course is designed for Lakota Leadership and Management Candidates from a tribal treaty context focusing on community development and sustainability. This course offers lectures, student collaboration and inquiry based learning from a *Wolakota* perspective. Master Candidates will gain a comprehensive understanding of public and private programs, and strategies; administrative tools and data analysis methodologies. Master Candidates will develop a conceptual framework for a tribal or community private/public program or enterprise such as; a human service program or community development organization. Candidates are required to demonstrate *Woksape* meaning Wisdom and *Wacante Ognaka* meaning holding people in their heart through compassion and generosity when developing their conceptual framework. Prerequisite: 24 credit hours of the Lakota Leadership and management required courses. LAKM 603, LAKM 633, LAKM 613 Professional Core LAKM 623, LAKM 653, LAKM 663, LAKM 673, LAKM 693 LAKM 683, LAKM 643. 3 graduate credits

LAKM 703 B

Community Development and Sustainability II

This course is designed for Lakota Leadership and Management Candidates from a tribal treaty context focusing on community development and sustainability. This course is for candidates who have completed a conceptual framework in community development and sustainability I. Candidates will identify similar programs and best practices, to evaluate and critique from a *Wolakota* perspective. Candidates will be required to demonstrate Lakota Leadership through presentation and implementation of findings. Candidates are required to demonstrate *Wacante Ognaka* meaning holding people in their heart through compassion and generosity. Effective Lakota Leaders demonstrate compassion and generosity through the delivery and giving of their knowledge, skills and ability to the educational and local communities. Prerequisite: LAKM 613 A Community Development and Sustainability I. 3 graduate credits