



GRADUATION WITH A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DISTINCTION

What is Graduation with a Professional Development Distinction (GPDD)?

The Honors College at Grand Canyon University offers the unique opportunity to earn a “Graduation with a Professional Development Distinction” honor. This distinction provides an opportunity for traditional undergraduate students actively engaged in professional development opportunities to earn recognition for the hours and applied experiences acquired throughout their program of study.

Who qualifies for a GPDD?

This opportunity is open to all Honors College students at Grand Canyon University.



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What is required to earn a GPDD?

The goal of the GPDD is to give students credit where credit is due! At this point, we just need to document hours devoted to the following areas within your Career Connections account:



PROGRAMMING	HOURS
Career/Self-Development & Professionalism (CSDP) Examples: professional development programming, attendance at a company tour, active engagement at a career fair, professional mentorship meetings	Minimum of 15 hours
Communication, Critical Thinking & Technology (CCTT) Examples: presentation at a research conference, publication in a journal, speech & debate, participation in research programs, software or technology certification	Minimum of 15 hours
Leadership & Teamwork (LT) Examples: Leadership development seminar attendance, leadership training, leadership conference attendance, formal performance evaluation meetings, leadership position	Minimum of 15 hours
Equity & Inclusion (EI) Examples: Diversity, Equity and Inclusions trainings, participation in an event hosted by the Multicultural Office, study abroad, international internship, international mission trip, domestic mission trip	Minimum of 10 hours
TOTAL COMMITMENT	100 HOURS

Hours must be completed, submitted in Career Connections and approved prior to applying for your GCU graduation.

How to apply for a GPDD

Apply [here](#). Once approved, you will be provided your GPDD Checklist and can start documenting your commitment. Backdating hours from previous academic years is not permitted. Students can only start to formally document hours toward GPDD once the student has applied and is approved.

What do I get in return?

Students who have successfully completed GPDD criteria will receive:

- A certificate produced and awarded by GCU
- A formal portfolio with documentation in Career Connections that can be provided to future employers or graduate school admissions boards
- A pin to wear at commencement

Questions?

Contact GCUHonors@gcu.edu

