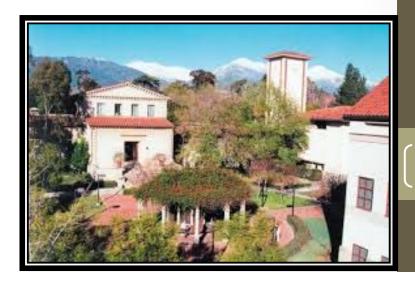
# Principles Underlying Evaluation Training Programs at Claremont Graduate University

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# Pressing problems







# HOW DO WE SOLVE THESE PRESSING PROBLEMS?





# Evaluation Training Programs

Professional Development Workshops Certificate of Advanced Study of Evaluation

MA & PhD Programs

#### **#1: Professional Development Workshops**

Targeted at novice and experienced evaluators

International audience

Diverse workshops

methods, statistics, logic models, culture, eval tools

Occurs every August August 20-24<sup>th</sup> 2015

# Presenters 2015



































# #2 Certificate of Advanced Study of Evaluation



### #3 In Residence MA & PhD Programs

Evaluation
Specific
Coursework

Content Expertise and Methodology

Practical Experience

### Alignment to Essential Competencies

Professional practice

Systematic Inquiry

Evaluation
Specific
Coursework

Project Management

Content Expertise and Methodology

Practical Experience

**Interpersonal Competencies** 

Reflective Practice

Situational Analysis



## Content Expertise and Methodology

Co-Concentration Programs

Positive Developmental Psychology

**Health Psychology** 

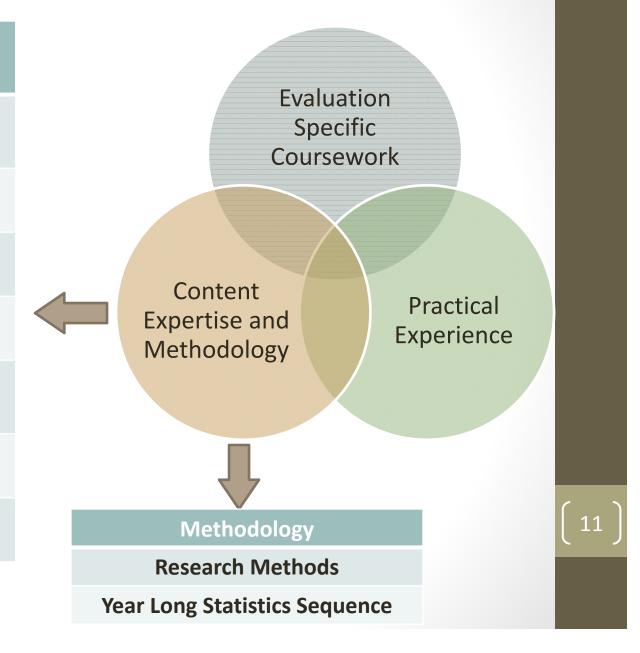
**Organizational Behavior** 

**Applied Social Psychology** 

Applied Cognitive Psychology

**Educational Evaluation** 

**Public Policy** 



# Evaluation-Specific Coursework



**Evaluation Practicum** 



**Evaluation Procedures** 

**Evaluation** Theory

**Foundations** 



Content Expertise and Methodology

Practical Experience

## Differences Between Programs

#### MA Co-concentration Program Requirements

- 48 units
  - 12 Statistics/Methods
  - 12 Evaluation
  - 12 Content
  - 12 Electives
- Research not required

# PhD Program Requirements

- 72 units
  - 20 units statistics/methodology
  - 12 units evaluation
  - 32 units elective
  - 4 field or teaching experience
  - 4 units T course
- Portfolio
- Research required

## Practical Experience

Evaluation Specific Coursework

Content Expertise and Methodology

Practical Experience















#### Students and faculty collaborate on multiple projects:

- Improving educational outcomes for at-risk students
- Improving STEM education
- Decreasing teen pregnancy
- Promoting new methods for real-world evaluations

#### Additional CEC Initiatives

Faster Forward Fund

**AEA GEDI Program** 

**E-Learning Initiatives** 

Fellows Program



What has our evaluation training produced?



#### Graduates Ready to Confront Today's Challenges



#### **Evaluation Scholars**

- LaVelle, John (3/10/2014): An Examination of Evaluation Education Programs and Evaluator Skills Across the World
- Fleischer, Dreolin (9/27/2013): Personal Factor as it Relates to Instrumental **Evaluation Use**
- Collins, Krista (3/7/2013): Using a Program Evaluation Framework to Identify Developmental Outcomes of Youth Empowerment
- Fierro, Leslie (10/3/2013): Clarifying the Connections:
   Evaluation Capacity and Intended Outcomes
- Harnar, Michael (4/24/2012): A Theory and practiceinformed model of Transformative Participatory
   Evaluation

### **Practicing Evaluators**

- Director of Strategy and Innovation, Girls and Boys Club
- Youth Development Scientist, Child Trends
- Evaluation Associate, Educational Alliance at Brown University
- Assistant Director of Evaluation, Hathaway-Sycamores
- President of Consulting Firm, KidsInsights

#### Lessons learned

The importance of practical experience during school

Interpersonal competencies are critical and hard to train

The difficulties, yet importance, of group work

The importance of scaffolded opportunities for project management, situational analysis, and reflective practice



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