MPA 825: Capstone Leadership Project – Culmination of the PMPA

Dates to be confirmed

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Course Objectives:

- To demonstrate proficiency and excellence in applying the skills and knowledge acquired in all the PMPA courses.
- To develop an integrated and comprehensive solution to address a key public sector challenge facing Canadians today.
- To demonstrate the ability to work in self-managed teams to effectively develop and communicate policy, implementation, and delivery solutions.

Key Learning Outcomes:

- Integrates the skills and knowledge acquired through all the prior PMPA courses,
- Strengthens students' professional competencies in public decision making, program design and implementation, risk management and monitoring etc.
- Enhances teamwork, leadership, and project management skills,
- Develops students' research and analytical skills,
- Reinforces the importance of excellent written and oral communications skills.

Key course elements:

- Tackle a key public sector challenge.
- Work in self-managed teams with supportive supervision from the course instructor.
- Outside advisers to help guide and mentor teams throughout the process,
- Final presentation of policy solutions.
- Mix of team specific meetings and full class plenary sessions first three days.
- A personal journal to document your thoughts and perspectives of the PMPA completion December 2021.

Course schedule, dates, and next steps:

- The MPA 825 will take place over four consecutive days at Queen's University.
- The course dates will be determined by the course instructor in consultation with students.
- The instructor will be following up with students over the coming weeks to finalize course dates and provide more information about how the course will operate.