



Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support



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Dear Walton College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee;

The nonprofit sector has been growing steadily, both in size and financial impact, for more than a decade. Between 2001 and 2011, the number of nonprofits has increased 25 percent; from 1,259,764 million to 1,574,674 million today. The growth rate of the nonprofit sector has surpassed the rate of both the business and government sectors. Gone are the days when just wanting to *do good* is all that is needed to pursue work in the nonprofit sector.

At the DHS Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support (DCSNS) we serve nonprofits throughout Arkansas. We have established a team of professionals who meet the needs of this rapidly growing sector. Nonprofit organizations rely on us to provide training on best practices and consulting on recent trends that impact their programs. As such, there are a variety of skills that we look for when adding a new member to our team. Many of those skills are part of any rigorous undergraduate bachelors program. However, the ideal applicant should possess an understanding of basic nonprofit operations and grasp the role nonprofits play in community development. A minor in nonprofit studies would set the applicant ahead of the others for a position at DCSNS.

Sincerely yours,

Sherry Middleton
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