

STUDENT SERVICE PROFILE

PRICE KLAAS

NONPROFIT ADMIN CERTIFICATE

There are many reasons people pursue a Certificate in Nonprofit Administration. For Price Klaas, her ultimate goal was to help people and to participate in the critical role that nonprofits play in our society and economy. Price is inspired by how nonprofit organizations help change lives and the world in general and is eager to contribute to that positive change.

Price first began to take an interest in the nonprofit sector after her senior year of high school where she worked with an organization helping families and childcare providers. Each child and family had their own unique stories and personalities, which was something Price loved most about this line of work. This experience inspired Price to study Health and Human Development as an undergraduate at the University of Montana.

When talking about the program, Price had this to say: “I am consistently impressed with how responsive and supportive the instructors are. I really prefer a classroom since I love the interaction but I have been successful and enjoyed the Nonprofit Administration Certificate program because the discussion forums give you a platform to interact with students and the instructors are so helpful. They understand that we are working professionals. They provide you with resources that you can put to use immediately at work. They are flexible if you need an extension. They are prompt at answering questions and clarifying.”

All of the rewarding work has led Price to become a business manager at a small nonprofit that had recently experienced a lot of change. After first accepting this job, it was clear that the organization was lacking many basic elements for nonprofit success and compliance. Although she was presented with many challenges, Price was confident in her abilities: “my course work for the certificate gave me excellent resources and the knowledge to back up my recommendations and methods of executing my duties.”

In the future, Price would like to become an executive director of a human service nonprofit so that she can combine her undergraduate work in human development with her post-graduate studies in nonprofit administration.

