

Components of Successful Applied Anthropology Programs



**CAREER READINESS
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- **Convergence of interests** by organizational/community partners and instructors in building and sustaining the program
- **Continuity of applied courses taught by several instructors**, not a “champion” professor
- **Integration throughout the curriculum** of theory, methods, field/lab experience, new skills, and career preparation
- **Organizational/community-based projects** led by instructors
- **Career-oriented professionalism course** early in the program
- **Networking** with alumni, practitioners, and other departments
- **Practitioner involvement** in mentoring students, giving guest lectures, advising on capacity building, and providing internships
- **Exposure to interdisciplinary work** through courses and projects
- **Internships/co-ops** in business, government and non-profit organizations
- **Experiential and product-oriented capstone projects** (e.g., portfolios, novels)
- **Institutional administration endorsement** of program efforts
- **Degree or certificate identifying program emphasis** (e.g., “applied medical anthropology”)