This one-year (3 semester) MPLAN program is geared towards experienced graduates working for an agency or non-governmental organization abroad or in Canada; or for mature Canadian planners working in a municipal planning environment, for other levels of government, in professional consulting, non-governmental organizations or other contexts OR for graduates of related professional programs, such as Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture or Engineering. Planning is a growing global profession. Graduates of our Rural Planning and Development program contribute to the generation of knowledge and the development of plans to advance the welfare, sustainability and integrity of rural communities. This program is explicitly designed for individuals wishing to upgrade their professional training to the Masters level without necessarily withdrawing from the work force for an extended period of time.

The University of Guelph is internationally recognized for its high quality professional programs in rural planning and development and attracts students from all over the world, including the United States, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and the European Union. Entering students come from a wide range of undergraduate programs and can expect to establish their own academic agenda for their continuing intellectual and professional development. The intensive program of study combines research, outreach, and ongoing interaction with faculty to create a stimulating learning environment, and affords our students a wealth of opportunities.

Graduates from the MPLAN program may apply for membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners.

The Faculty

The School of Environmental Design and Rural Development boasts a strong faculty with a wide range of interests in both Canadian and International regions.

Please visit us online or contact us for additional information.

Admission/Application

Qualified graduates from relevant disciplines (minimum B- average) with 4-5 years of relevant experience. Relevant experience is determined by the admissions committee. Graduates from a professional program in Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture or Engineering (minimum B+ average).

The MPlan program is offered in-class or at a distance. Please contact the Graduate Coordinator if you are interested in the distance option.

Additional information on admission can be found at: http://www.uoguelph.ca/applying