MDP AND CERTIFICATE APPLICANT ESSAY PROMPT

Billions of people struggle for access to basic necessities while others live beyond the Earth’s carrying capacity. All sectors of development (from health to engineering, from education to environment, and from culture/linguistics to informatics/communication) have knowledge and skills that address this chasm that separates affluent and at-risk realities. Traditional development responses are often reactive and global north driven. They sometimes consider too little the assets, capacity, and values of marginalized people. They tend to skirt the interdisciplinary and intercultural complexity and possibilities of proactive and lasting solutions to poverty and capacity building. They might well miss the point that sustainable measures need to be taken at both ends of this underdevelopment/overdevelopment continuum.

With these thoughts in mind, Regis University is partnering with development actors and communities to offer a Master of Development Practice. The MDP aims to equip leaders for integrated approaches to lasting development solutions. To learn more, visit www.regis.edu/mdp.

Questions to address in a 2- to 3-page double-spaced essay:

1. What is your interest in a community-based, integrated, partner rich, and reciprocal approach to development practice and learning?
2. Have you worked in communities facing development challenges? Where? What context?
3. Ten years from now ... where, how, why, and with whom do you see yourself working in the field of development?
4. Can you imagine joining this graduate program as a mentee and mentor working alongside class participants and community development leaders from rural and urban, global north and global south, and in-excess and at-risk communities worldwide?