MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – MPA

CAREERS
This career-focused degree is taught by experts in the field. The knowledge you gain in the NASPAA-accredited program gives you the skills to get into public service, move up in your current position or move to a new job. Careers are found in local, regional/state, national and foreign governments; non-profits and foundations. The degree is an excellent choice for advancement in the military and transition to civilian life. The MPA is the degree for public service professionals.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (25 hours)*
PAD 623 Public Policy Process (3 credits)
PAD 610 Foundations of Public Administration (3 credits)
PAD 711 Public Personnel Administration Practice (3 credits)
PAD 713 Public Budgeting and Finance (3 credits)
PAD 714 Program Analysis and Evaluation (3 credits)
PAD 730 Public Service Competencies (1 credit)
PAD 773 Administration and Ethics in Public Service (3 credits)
PAD 775 Organization Theory in Public Administration (3 credits)
PAD 780 Research in Public Administration (3 credits)

The following electives are currently offered online. Students choose 4 courses if in-service. If pre-service, students choose 3 electives and take:
PSC 795 Internship in Government and Politics (3 credits).

ELECTIVES*
PAD 523 Grant Writing and Management (3 credits)
PAD 621 Board Governance and Executive Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations (3 credits)
PAD 661 State and Government Administration (3 credits)
PAD 785 Strategic Leadership (3 credits) This elective is required for the General MPA concentration

Other electives are available if approved by the MPA program director. You must speak with an advisor first.

APPLICATION CHECK LIST
- Online application at apply.cmich.edu
- Application fee
- Official transcripts to CMU
- Current résumé
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of interest
- TOEFL iBT scores if you are from a non-English speaking country

For complete admission requirements go online at cmich.edu/MPA.

Work with an advisor to develop your program plan.

*Courses are subject to change.

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Dear Future MPA Student,

Thanks for your interest in our online Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. Our NASPAA accredited MPA program provides practitioner-based learning experiences where you can develop and enhance the skills and public service competencies necessary to be successful in today’s service leadership. Established in 1978, our program is now offered completely online and has a long history of furthering the careers of our students already in service and helping those starting their careers in state and local governments, the military, the federal government, and nonprofit organizations.

What is an MPA Degree?
The MPA degree is the internationally recognized professional degree program for public sector careers. If you are working in the public sector, or want to work in the public sector, an MPA degree provides you with the requisite training and skill development necessary for today’s public service. CMU’s program is accredited by NASPAA (the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration). NASPAA accreditation is the global standard for excellence in public service education. It ensures that your public service program meets a variety of rigorous educational standards.

What does the CMU-MPA experience deliver?
Our program emphasizes a toolkit approach to public service where you will learn a variety of techniques that can help you become a better leader and manager, implement data-driven decisions, integrate cultural competency across an organization, evaluate programs, conduct policy analysis and engage stakeholders. Our curriculum is competency-based and focuses on the development of a variety of public service skills necessary for successful careers in public service.

To ensure the development of these skills, our MPA courses are taught by a team of professors who have career experiences in the public sector and have published scholarship in highly ranked journals and by current practitioners of public service who have decades of career experience applying these skills. All of our courses emphasize the practical application of scholarship in the work environment through case-based class experiences to help take your public sector career to the next level.

If you are not yet in the field, you will take an internship-based class where you work in a public service setting. This internship allows you to gain practical experience in a public organization while networking with like-minded professionals.

So, what do you think?
Does our program match your career needs? If so, please contact us at 877-268-4636 or CMUglobal@cmich.edu.

Sincerely,

Thomas Greitens

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