



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Accredited. Affordable. Accessible. Achievable.

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at West Chester University is **accredited** by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), and is offered through our AACSB accredited College of Business and Public Management.

The MPA at WCU provides high-quality, **accessible**, flexible and **affordable** education for a diverse group of emerging and existing public service leaders. West Chester University's MPA program enables students to pursue one of three concentrations to customize their MPA degree: **PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION** and **GENERAL MPA**. In addition, students may choose graduate electives to customize their MPA further and earn a certificate in a specialized area, including Criminal Justice, Food Policy, GIS, and Sports Management, among others.



The MPA program at WCU is a community led by accomplished scholars and practitioners who instruct and mentor our students. As a student, you will learn accountability and transparency, industry and financial management processes, and how to serve professionally with competence, efficiency, and objectivity by making data-driven decisions; how to act ethically to uphold the public trust in analyzing and making public policy; and how to demonstrate respect, equity, and fairness in managing citizens and fellow public servants.

The program's internship requirement is waived for students who have one year of supervisory experience in a public or non-profit organization.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Affordable tuition for a top value education
- Accessible course offerings: in-person, online, or hybrid
- Achievable: Complete your degree on your schedule, attend full-time or part-time
- Small seminar-style classes with interaction with faculty and peers
- Graduate assistantships, grants, and scholarships available
- Community-immersed faculty with a range of research and practical expertise
- Internships and opportunities for faculty research
- Opportunities to get involved in Pi Alpha Alpha, the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and WCU's Graduate Student Association (GSA)
- Opportunities to attend conferences

OUTCOMES

West Chester University MPA graduates are successful leaders in public, private, and non-profit sectors throughout the region. Alumni go on to serve as managers and analysts in local, state and federal government; non-profit agencies and organizations; education administration; law enforcement; political campaigns and elections and more. MPA graduates work in a variety of positions in diverse organizations including:

- Associate Auditor
- Budget and Program Analysts
- Compliance Fraud Analyst
- Deputy Director or Fundraising
- Legislative District Aide
- Senior Manager of Government Affairs
- Township Manager
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- Secret Service
- State of North Carolina
- Vanguard Charitable
- Winterthur Museum



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Public Administration applications are processed year-round. Standardized test scores are NOT required. Full admission is granted to applicants with an undergraduate 3.0 GPA. Provisional admission is granted at the discretion of the Graduate Coordinator for applicants that earned under a 3.0 GPA. To apply, please submit the following materials:

- Completed application
- Current resume
- Official transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Goal statement of career objectives



Apply online at wcupa.edu/applygrad

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