

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

4-week classes. Year-round enrollment.



Program at a Glance

- **Total Credits:**
54 quarter units
- **Total Courses:**
20 courses
- **Specializations:**
Organizational Leadership
Human Resource Management (HRM)
- **WASC-accredited**



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Drive Positive Change in Public Organizations

Senior-level public administrators with the knowledge and credentials to plan, direct, and coordinate activities that help an organization run efficiently are in demand and well compensated.

National University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program will prepare you for senior leadership positions in federal, state, and local nonprofit and government management. You'll learn how to utilize critical thinking and research methods, analyze political influences and governmental power division, evaluate government employees and public administration strategies and decisions, and synthesize grant proposal resources and approaches.

You'll benefit from NU's diverse and doctoral-trained faculty and have access to internship and networking opportunities designed to prepare you for success.

As a graduate of National University's Master of Public Administration program, you will be prepared to:

- Utilize critical thinking and research methods relevant to public administration in a multicultural environment
- Analyze the impact of political influences on the public sector decision-making process
- Describe, analyze, and evaluate the various approaches to managing government employees
- Evaluate strategies for dealing with media, community, and local government agencies
- Analyze the division of power within American government and evaluate public management within a historical context
- Evaluate the impact of decisions on urban planning and redevelopment
- Synthesize resources and approaches for developing grant proposals



What Can You Do With a Master of Public Administration?

NU's MPA program is designed to equip you with the knowledge required to manage a variety of public agencies and organizations. Because you'll be studying in a cohort of like-minded professionals, you'll be building a network of professionals already working in various fields of government.

About 29,200 openings for administrative services and facilities managers are projected each year, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with an annual median wage of \$98,890* for administrative services and facilities managers. Operations specialties managers can make significantly more.

Employers in public administration seek highly educated professionals, such as those who have earned a market-relevant MPA degree, to fill leadership positions, such as:

- Budget analysts
- Accountants
- Program managers, specialists, and coordinators
- Executive directors
- Management analysts
- City managers
- Auditors
- Directors and managers of human resources
- Project and program managers
- Quality and compliance managers

Some of the industries where MPA graduates can expect to be in demand include:

- Public administration
- Educational services
- Healthcare and social assistance
- Professional, scientific, and technical services
- Utilities
- Finance and insurance

NU's industry-relevant specializations include:

Human Resource Management. Moving beyond common sense and good interpersonal skills, this specialization helps you develop the skills to recruit, select, train, evaluate, and compensate employees. You'll examine how changes in the workplace, such as governmental regulations, global competition, developing technologies, and organizational transformations, influence the performance and productivity of workers.

Operational Management. This area of specialization is ideal for individuals who desire to understand the technical and reflective processes that often accompany opportunities to exercise leadership in profit and not-for-profit organizations. You'll develop the skills and knowledge needed to become an effective, change-oriented leader in an international society.



**SOURCE: Emsi Labor Analyst- Report. Emsi research company homepage at <https://www.economicmodeling.com/company/> (Report viewed: April 6, 2022.)*

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