

Graduate Programs in Public Administration



M.P.A. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Administration
- Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*

COURSEWORK INCLUDES:

- Public Administration in the Policy Process
- Public Organization Management
- Public Administrators in the Governance Process
- Public Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Research Methods for Public Administration
- Analytic Techniques for Public Administration
- Advanced Concepts and Applications in Public Administration

For complete program requirements, see the UCF Graduate Catalog at graduatecatalog.ucf.edu.

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MANAGING PUBLIC SERVICES

Public administrators oversee services that provide for the well-being of citizens. They manage government operations, analyze public needs, and develop and implement policies and programs to benefit communities or to assist specific populations. They also serve the public by working in nonprofit or closely related business organizations.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT UCF

UCF offers a Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in Public Administration. Both programs emphasize professionalism and ethics in the practice of public administration. A dual M.P.A.-Master of Nonprofit Management and M.P.A.-Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs options are available as well.

Master of Public Administration

The 42-credit-hour, accredited M.P.A. program equips students with the public management skills and analytic techniques needed for successful careers as public administrators. The program is oriented towards problems facing local government, including those associated with finance, human resources, emergency management and growth management.

Graduate Certificate

The graduate certificate program provides continuing education for those already employed in related fields and pre-career students. It emphasizes the managerial skills essential for work in local government.

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WHERE GRADUATES WORK:

- City of Alachua, Florida
- City of Cocoa, Florida
- City of Coral Springs, Florida
- City of Orlando, Florida
- City of Portland, Oregon
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Florida State University
- Lake County, Florida
- National Military Command Center
- Orange County Fire Rescue Department
- Orange County Government
- Osceola County Corrections Department
- Pace University
- Sam Houston State University
- Sarasota County, Florida
- Seminole County, Florida
- United Way of Washtenaw County, Michigan
- University of Central Florida
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Valencia College
- Wake County, North Carolina
- Winter Park Health Foundation

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WHERE CAN I GET A JOB?

Many graduates of the M.P.A. program find employment in local (county, city, district and town), state and federal government. They often work as managers or key administrators in finance, human resources, emergency services, planning, parks and recreation, and community relations. With experience they are well-positioned to move into positions that establish government policy and develop laws, rules and regulations. Some become elected officials, such as mayor, county commissioner or city council member.

Other graduates find positions with nonprofit organizations, where they may specialize in areas such as finance or human resource management. Some go on to advanced leadership positions such as chief executive officer or financial officer.

Graduates of the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs – Public Administration Track may be employed as research and teaching faculty members and program leaders at research institutes and government agencies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mayors, along with governors, city managers, and county administrators, are chief executive officers of governments. They typically oversee budgets, programs, and the use of resources. Mayors and governors must be elected to office, whereas managers and administrators are typically appointed. — *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics*

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES:

- County manager
- City manager
- Public works administrator
- Human resources officer
- Policy analyst
- Chief budget officer
- Community relations representative
- Economic development director

