



Graduate Certificate in PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The School of Public Administration offers a variety of ways to earn a professional degree. The Graduate Certificate in Public Management allows you to gain professional certification without completing a master's degree.

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The UNO Graduate Certificate in Public Management serves professionals and students who desire a deep and thorough understanding of public management theory and practice, or who need to develop a strong educational background in public sector management.

Students gain enhanced skills in public management theory and practice, professional certification without completing a master's degree (MPA), and an expanded knowledge base in public management.

Who is eligible?

Individuals who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree and who have at least three years of work experience in the public sector; or who have completed part of their graduate course work in a related field are eligible for admission to the certificate program. Offered in Omaha or online, the program focuses on developing the skills necessary to manage a public organization and providing the essential knowledge that public managers need in their daily responsibilities.

Future pursuit of an MPA

Student course work in the Graduate Certificate in Public Management can apply toward the MPA Program. To gain admission to the MPA Program, students must complete the MPA application, the GRE exam (a GRE Waiver may be submitted if criteria is met), and apply to UNO Graduate Studies. Applications are reviewed on a rolling admission basis.

Course Plan

Required Courses

- PA 8050 Foundations in Public Service
- PA 8090 Seminar in Organization Theory & Behavior
- PA 8100 Advanced Management & Leadership for Public & Nonprofit Professionals

Elective Courses

- PA 8110 Management Information in the Public Sector
- PA 8400 Public & Nonprofit Management
- PA 8410 Human Resource Management
- PA 8436 Municipal Administration
- PA 8470 Administrative Ethics & Leadership
- PA 8480 Public & Nonprofit Financial Management
- PA 8550 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector
- PA 8520 Seminar in Grant Writing
- PA 8600 Administrative Law
- PA 8710 Fundraising in Public & Nonprofit Organizations
- PA 8730 Health Care Administration
- PA 8760 The U.S. Health Care System
- PA 8930 Negotiation Skills in General Management
- PA 8896 Special Topics
- AVN 8020 Survey of Aviation & Transportation Policy
- AVN 8360 Transportation Safety
- AVN 8750 Transportation Finance
- EMGT 8060 Planning, Preparedness & Mitigation
- EMGT 8430 Response, Recovery & Resilience
- EMGT 8600 Contemporary Issues in Emergency Management

Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester | June 1

Spring Semester | October 1

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