

West Chester University of Pennsylvania Doctor of Public
Administration University Supplemental Application for Admission

In order to select students who have the greatest commitment to and potential for graduate studies at the doctoral level, the faculty of the DPA program have decided to ask some additional questions of applicants. Please take great care to ensure that your answers are expressive, thoughtful, and meaningful but also kept brief (roughly 250 words each but feel free to submit longer answers if you'd like).

1. Describe your career orientation and plans, and how a Doctor of Public Administration degree will contribute to your ability to achieve your objectives. **Your answer to this question will serve as the required Goal Statement.**
2. Identify which concentration or elective courses you intend to pursue, and how this concentration/courses will help you achieve your career and educational goals.
3. Describe your research interests and provide a potential area/question of research in public administration or public policy that you expect to concentrate your capstone project (even if your description is highly speculative at this early point in your studies).
4. Discuss any Public Policy and Administration or Doctor of Public Administration course offerings you feel especially excited about taking.
5. Obtaining a doctorate degree is a long, difficult road. It requires a great deal of independent work, demanding that students be extremely self-directed, self-motivated, and disciplined. It requires students, over 2-3 years (sometimes longer) to devote numerous hours per week to complete course requirements and assignments. In fact, many exceptionally bright people entering doctorate programs fail to complete degrees. Tell us why you think you can do this. Be sure to discuss how you plan to balance the demands of your doctoral studies with your current personal and professional obligations.

6. The DPA program is offered via an online format. Please discuss your familiarity with online learning and technology. If you are not familiar with online learning, please discuss the steps you plan to take to be an active and successful online learner.
7. If your Master's degree is not in Public Administration or Policy, please describe how you plan to familiarize yourself with the discipline prior to beginning your DPA courses. (Please note, many of our DPA students enter the program without a Master's in Public Administration or Policy. With proper preparation many of these students have successfully completed the program.)

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