

# MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION Accredited. Affordable. Accessible.

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 includes areas of concentration in PUBLIC MANAGEMENT and NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION. In addition, graduate electives may be chosen to pair with the MPA to earn a certificate in a specialized area.



American Society for Public Administration



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
  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, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and Graduate Students of Public Administration Network (GSPAN)
- 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. MPA graduates hold a variety of positions and work for organizations including:

- Deputy Director of Fundraising
- Legislative District Aide
- Township Manager
- Compliance Fraud Analyst
- Program Analyst



- Budget Analyst
- Associate Auditor
- Secret Service
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education







#### 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:

- 1. Completed application
- 2. Current resume
- 3. Official transcripts
- 4. Two letters of recommendation
- 5. Goal statement of career objectives

Apply online at wcupa.edu/applygrad

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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