



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Roger Williams University Master of Public Administration is a 36-credit program leading to a Master of Public Administration.

The program is based upon the standards outlined by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration.

The Master of Public Administration highlights include:

- A convenient and flexible schedule of classes meeting on alternate weeks, allowing for a combination of in-class instruction and on-line learning.
- A central location at our campus in downtown Providence, Rhode Island.
- Degree completion possible within two years.
- Competitive tuition rates.

The degree consists of 12 courses grouped into three areas: core courses, areas of concentration, and research/internship. The six-course core sequence provides students with the breadth needed in theoretical foundation and skills to become public administrators. Students then pursue a greater depth of study in a four course concentration in either public management or health care administration. Finally, students complete either an internship (pre-service students) or a research course (in-service students) and then a directed study in public administration.

The MPA program is a part-time program with options for working professionals and also pre-service students. For working professionals, the last course will be a research course. For pre-service students, the last experience in the MPA will be an internship in a public administration venue.

The Master of Public Administration will prepare students:

- To foster excellence in public service and good government.
- For leadership and service in federal, state or local government as well as non-profit management.
- To positively influence public policy and management by promoting such values as constitutionalism, citizen participation, equity, diversity, and the ethical performance of public service.
- To obtain an understanding about the integration of public administration institutions, processes, and procedures. These include legal, political, economic, and social institutions and a variety of administrative processes.
- To improve communications skills.
- To develop decision making skills along with problem-identification and problem-solving abilities

Criteria for admission to this program.

Applications are accepted for admission to the Master of Public Administration program on a rolling basis with a start term of fall, spring or summer.

A completed application includes:

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college or university,
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records,
- An overall GPA of 2.75 or greater in undergraduate work,
- Two-page personal goal statement,
- Two letters of recommendation attesting to the candidate's potential to do graduate work,
- Official report of scores on GRE or MAT (taken within the last 5 years),
- Completed and signed application accompanied by the \$50 application fee.

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