

GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT
ROGER WILLIAMS
UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**



The decision to get my MPA at Roger Williams was by far one of the best things I've done for my career in healthcare administration. The combination of a challenging course curriculum, unwavering guidance from faculty and the support of my fellow students truly made the program a great experience. The skills I learned proved to be transferrable early in my career and remain relevant in the work I do every day.



- **IRCANIA MCGRIFF '10**
Medical Center Administrator





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Roger Williams University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) is a 36-credit hour program that prepares students for careers in education, nonprofit, government, for-profit, private and public sector management or consulting, environmental agencies, health care, policy analysis, homeland security and more.

MPA students tackle critical social issues affecting people around the world as well as close to home. Courses focus on management areas such as financial administration and organizational management as well as larger concepts such as ethics and global awareness.

Why RWU

RELEVANCE: Our courses are directly applicable to professionals in the field and include:

- *Budgeting*
- *Lean Thinking and Lean Management*
- *Health Informatics*
- *Program Evaluation*
- *Professional Ethics*
- *Administrative Law*
- *Databases and Spreadsheet analysis*
- *Health Economics*
- *Six Sigma for Healthcare*

FLEXIBILITY: The MPA is available as a hybrid program, with sessions at our convenient downtown Providence location, or completely online. RWU also offers customized training sessions allowing faculty members to travel to you.

PERSONALIZATION: Students benefit from one on one time with faculty members, program directors and program administrators as well as academic advisors.

INDUSTRY NETWORKING: The MPA program hosts three networking events each year, attracting nationally recognized members of the Public Administration and Leadership communities.

DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES: Our students are ethnically and culturally diverse and come from a wide range of industries, resulting in an intriguing mix of ideologies, opinions and perspectives, so they can look forward to seeing issues in a new light at every class session.

GET TO KNOW OUR FACULTY! Visit <http://rwu.edu/go/sjsfaculty>

Course Requirements

(All courses are three credits unless otherwise indicated)

Required Courses:

PA 501: Foundations of Public Administration: Legal and Institutional

PA 502: Organizational Dynamics

PA 503: Data Management and Analysis

PA 504: Public Policy and Program Evaluation

PA 505: Public Budgeting & Finance

PA 506: Public Personnel Management

Area of Concentration:

Public Management Concentration Courses (complete four (4) of the eight (8) courses)

PA 512: Intergovernmental Relations

PA 513: Public Administration and Public Law

PA 514: Urban Administration and Management

PA 515: Ethics in Public Administration

PA 516: Grant Writing and Management

PA 517: Computer Applications for Public Managers

PA 518: Program Evaluation

PA 530: Special Topics in Public Administration

OR:

Health Care Administration Concentration Courses (complete four of the six (6) courses)

PA 530: Special Topics in Health Care Administration

PA 550: Health Care Administration

PA 551: Public Policy and Politics in Health Care Administration

PA 552: Trends and Issues in Health Administration

PA 553: Economics of Health and Medical Care

PA 554: Health Informatics

Internship/Research Requirement and Directed Study Requirement

PA 580: Internship in Public Administration

PA 590: Research in Public Administration

PA 599: Directed Study in Public Administration

Additional Graduate Programs

Offered by the School of Justice Studies:

Master's Degrees:

- Cybersecurity
- Leadership
- Joint M.S.C.J./J.D.
- Criminal Justice

Graduate Certificates:

- Cybersecurity
- Cyberspecialist
- Digital Forensics
- Health Care Administration
- Leadership
- Public Management

The Program

RWU's MPA curriculum is based on the standards of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), and seeks to create competencies for students in line with these standards.

Courses within the curriculum are grouped into four areas:

- *Core courses*
- *Areas of concentration*
- *Research/internship*
- *Capstone experience*

The core sequence provides students with the knowledge and skills needed to become effective public managers. Students then choose a specialization through a concentration in public management or health care administration, allowing for greater depth of study. Internships (pre-service students) or research courses (in-service students) follow, giving students direct familiarity with the field. With faculty advisement, students design their own capstone project to complete the MPA program.

Outcomes

At the completion of the degree students will be prepared to:

1. *Manage in public organizations*
2. *Participate in and contribute to the policy process*
3. *Analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions*
4. *Communicate and interact with diverse groups and in diverse settings*

The degree program will also emphasize the following public service values:

1. *Accountability*
2. *Transparency*
3. *Respect for citizen privacy*
4. *Ethical actions and values*
5. *Participatory process*

Applying to the MPA Program

To be considered for admission to the Master of Public Administration degree program, applicants must hold an earned Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. To apply, submit the following:

1. *Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework*
2. *Personal statement (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in Public Administration/Management, career goals, and anticipated contributions to the Master's Program in Public Administration at Roger Williams University*
3. *Two letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school*
4. *A current resume*
5. *If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results*
6. *Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee*

Please note: The GRE is not required for admission

Preferred Application Deadline:

August 1 for Fall, December 15 for Spring, April 15 for Summer

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I can't even explain how much these courses have benefitted me already. I've been in law enforcement since 2002, but I'm learning so much about the administrative side of the field now. The professors are so responsive and helpful and the flexibility of the program is what really makes it work. The hybrid courses allow you to have face-to-face interaction with your professors and classmates, and the online portion makes it all possible.



- **GEORGE LABONTE '15**

Lieutenant, Wrentham Police Department &
recipient of the 2015 ASPA Founders' Fellowship

Financial Aid is available for eligible students. Contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 401.254.4510 or visit StudentAid.gov/eligibility for more information. Learn more about our student consumer information: <http://rwu.edu/go/student-consumer-info>

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