

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT

DEGREE DESCRIPTION

The Master of Science in public service management at DePaul University offers students a broad-based education with which they can pursue careers in fund raising and philanthropy, health care administration, higher education administration, metropolitan planning and urban affairs, nonprofit administration and public policy.

The degree offers four concentrations: health care administration, higher education administration, and metropolitan planning and urban affairs; students also can pursue a standard concentration.

This degree is accredited by NASPAA.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Evening and Online Courses. Classes are offered in the evening and online (standard concentration only).

Well-Respected Degree. With DePaul's impressive academic rankings and distinguished faculty, you'll graduate with a degree that's well-respected and speaks loudly to future employers. And, when you graduate, you'll become part of our alumni family—171,000 and growing—giving you the network you need to advance your career.

Career Outlook. Ninety-four percent of our 2014 SPS graduates were employed, pursuing advanced degrees or seeking neither after degree completion. Our graduates have gone on to work in nonprofit, for-profit, educational and governmental sectors.

Examples of recent employers of SPS graduates include:

- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- Chicago Community Trust
- City of Chicago
- Department of Homeland Security

- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Rush University Medical Center
- The University of Chicago
- Village of Glen Ellyn
- World Relief
- YMCA

Our graduates have held varied positions within these organizations including, executive directors, policy research analysts, police lieutenants, grants officers and human resources managers.

CONCENTRATIONS

Health Care Administration

This concentration provides students with the managerial and analytical skills necessary to understand and influence the processes through which hospitals, associated health care organizations, and public and private agencies provide health care in the United States. Electives provide opportunities to explore the roles of specific nonprofit and government health care providers and regulatory agencies.

Higher Education Administration

For managers in post-secondary institutions of learning, this concentration teaches necessary analytical and managerial skills. The course work helps students develop an understanding of management principles, policy analysis and research within higher education. Electives provide opportunities to explore leadership, governance, strategic planning, budgeting, finance, law, diversity, enrollment management, marketing, student affairs and politics in higher education.

Metropolitan Planning and Urban Affairs

This concentration provides a broad perspective on issues relating to land use, transportation, housing, economic development, and related social problems. Instilling an understanding of the institutional and analytical issues affecting units of government, planning agencies, and urban public service institutions.

Standard

Students choose from among more than 60 courses based on their professional goals and personal interests. If warranted by special needs or interests, students may take up to two elective courses in other departments of the university. Permission of the program director is required before registration for such courses. This concentration is offered on campus and online.

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate students in the School of Public Service (SPS) are encouraged to study abroad. SPS offers more opportunities for international study than other comparable programs. These unique one- to two-week study abroad trips allow both full-time and part-time students to participate.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students complete a total of 13 courses (52 quarter hours). The total comprises nine courses (36 quarter hours) of required course work and four courses (16 quarter hours) of elective or concentration courses.

Core Courses

(4 courses, 16 quarter hours)

MPS 500	Introduction to Public Service Management
MPS 501	Cross Sector Analysis
MPS 522	Fundamentals of Human Resource Management
MPS 542	Policy Design and Analysis
MPS 586	Research Methods I: Introduction to Applied Research and Statistics
and	
MPS 587	Research Methods II: Advanced Applied Research and Statistics.
or	
MPS 588	Introduction to Research and Statistics for Management
and	
MPS 589	Advanced Research Methods and Statistics for Management
MPS 593	Integrative Seminar
MPS 594	Ethical Leadership in Public Service

Thesis Option

MPS 598 Thesis Research
Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above may choose the thesis option and replace MPS 593 with MPS 598.

Concentration Courses

(5 courses, 20 quarter hours)

Students choose five electives from one concentration below.

Standard Concentration

MPS 514 Government Financial Administration
or
MPS 515 Nonprofit Financial Administration
or
MPS 541 Economic Foundations of Public Service
And four elective courses; choose any four SPS elective courses

Health Care Administration

MPS 514 Government Financial Administration
or
MPS 515 Nonprofit Financial Administration

MPS 531 Financing and Costing in Health Care
MPS 537 Health Care Delivery Systems

Choose two elective courses from the following:

MPS 513 Volunteerism
MPS 516 Management of Information Technology
MPS 519 Resource Development
MPS 521 Leadership and Management
MPS 523 Group Dynamics for Leaders
MPS 529 Strategic Management Planning
MPS 534 Medical Sociology
MPS 535 Issues in Health Care
MPS 546 Advocacy and Lobbying
MPS 552 GIS for Community Development
MPS 562 Introduction to Health Law
MPS 600 Independent Study
MPS 601 Internship

Higher Education Administration

MPS 514 Government Financial Administration
or
MPS 515 Nonprofit Financial Administration

MPS 606 Leadership in Higher Education Administration
MPS 608 Seminar in Higher Education Administration

Choose two elective courses from the following:

CSL 490 Foundations of Student Affairs
MPS 516 Management of Information Technology
MPS 519 Resource Development
MPS 520 Values Centered Leadership
MPS 521 Leadership and Management
MPS 524 Marketing for Service Organizations
MPS 529 Strategic Management and Planning
MPS 546 Advocacy and Lobbying
MPS 561 Law and Nonprofit Organizations
MPS 600 Independent Study
MPS 601 Internship
MPS 607 Topics in Higher Education Administration

Metropolitan Planning and Urban Affairs

MPS 541 Economic Foundations
MPS 571 Metropolitan Planning

MPS 526 Local Government Administration
or
MPS 560 Administrative Law

Choose two elective courses from the following:

MPS 514 Government Financial Administration
MPS 516 Management of Information Technology
MPS 526 Local Government Administration
MPS 529 Strategic Management and Planning
MPS 552 GIS for Community Development
MPS 560 Administrative Law
MPS 572 Urban Poverty Seminar
MPS 573 Urban and Community Development
MPS 575 Seminar in Administration: EU and NATO (Brussels)
MPS 600 Independent Study
MPS 601 Internship

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the public service management program, students must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, students must demonstrate, through past academic or professional work, a capacity for achievement.

To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- A personal statement (two pages) describing your educational and career goals, relevant work or volunteer experience, and any special circumstances affecting past or prospective academic performance
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae

Students educated outside the United States must present proof of English proficiency. A minimum TOEFL score of 590 (paper-based), 243 (computer-based), 96 (Internet-based) or a minimum 7.5 on the IELTS may be submitted for this requirement.

HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at go.depaul.edu/apply. Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to graddepaul@depaul.edu directly by the issuing institution. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

The Office of Graduate Admission

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
DePaul University
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Web: go.depaul.edu/sps
Email: graddepaul@depaul.edu
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Please note the information provided is current as of October 2015 and is subject to change.

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