

*Make a
Difference
in Your Career*

100% Online Master of Public Administration

Lead the Way to a Better Tomorrow

Succeed in the evolving landscape of public administration as you gain advanced knowledge in human resources, public policy, ethics, and decision making, empowering students to make an immediate impact on the communities in which they serve. You'll gain the skills to strategically solve problems, analyze policies, and meet public service needs at the local, state, and federal levels, as well as in the private and nonprofit sectors.

Graduate with a Master of Public Administration from Drake University's College of Business and Public Administration ready for immediate and enduring success.

Choose a Career-Based Curriculum

Complete your degree with specialized knowledge tailored to your career goals. Choose one of the following areas of emphasis.

Public & Nonprofit Management

Expand your ability to lead and manage with confidence as you complete coursework that focuses on public policy and advocacy, exploring the changing nature of public service to maximize impact and building organizations with resiliency and talent to do good.

Graduates can excel in positions such as **Public Sector Managers** and leaders in municipal, state and federal positions, and nonprofit managers and leaders. The average salary can vary widely depending upon if you work for a nonprofit organization or not.

Healthcare Management

Realize how you can better the healthcare industry with courses that focus on healthcare administration, policy, ethics, law, advocacy, and conflict resolution.

Graduate ready to transition from patient-care roles to management positions such as **nurse manager, unit manager, director of patient safety, and healthcare administrators.**

100% Online MPA Curriculum

Be empowered to make an immediate impact on the communities you serve with coursework enriched by experiential learning, team collaboration, and real-world scenarios. Complete the degree with 21 core credit hours and 9 credit hours in the specialization that aligns to your career goals.

Program Details

30-36* Credit Hours | 2 Years to Complete | \$714 Per Credit

MPA Courses — 30-36 Credit Hours

- MPA 215:** Foundations of Public Service (3)
- MPA 216:** Human Resources Development (3)
- MPA 217:** Applied Research Methods for Public Administration (3)
- MPA 220:** Public Budgeting & Finance (3)
- MPA 221:** Public Organizations and Leadership (3)
- MPA 228:** Resource Development & Program Performance (3)
- MPA 260:** Capstone Experience (3)

Choose a Specialization — 9 Credit Hours

To complete the degree, you will take nine (9) credit hours in one of the following specializations:

Public & Nonprofit Management

- PADM 245:** Public Policy (3)
- PADM 287:** Public Management (3)
- PADM 273:** Nonprofit Management (3)

Healthcare Management

- HLTH 261:** Healthcare Policy (3)
- HLTH 263:** Healthcare Administration (3)
- HLTH 266:** Healthcare Regulation, Law and Advocacy (3)

*Additional Courses for Pre-Professionals/Early Career Students — 6 Credit Hours

The MPA is designed for the working professional to be completed with the above 30 credit hours. Pre-professional or Early Career Students will complete an additional 6 credit hours.

About the College of Business & Public Administration (CBPA)

Drake University's College of Business and Public Administration prepares students for immediate and enduring success in a progressively technological, data-driven, and global environment. We're also one of just seventeen universities in the U.S. to be recognized as a Center for Actuarial Excellence by the Society of Actuaries.

Staying true to our mission of bringing the classroom into the world and the world into the classroom, your graduate degree and experience are enhanced by our expert faculty as well as our relationships with business leaders, national, and international executives and successful Drake alumni.

About Drake University

A mid-sized, private university founded in 1881 in Des Moines, Iowa, we offer the benefits and resources of a larger institution along with the advantages of intimate class sizes and close personal relationships.

Drake is committed to providing students with life-defining opportunities that allow them to build successful careers and personal lives. The cornerstone of the Drake experience is the exceptional learning environment that we create both on-campus and online. By providing close mentorship from Drake faculty and focusing on résumé-building, Drake sets its students on a tried-and-true path to success.



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