



Pave Your Way With an MPA

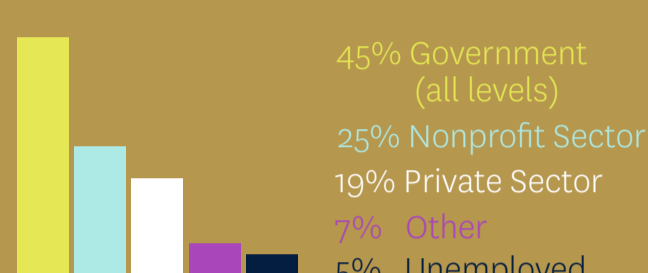
A Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree can position you to become a leader in a public service or nonprofit role. Understanding the skills MPA graduates learn and the career paths they follow will help you determine if an MPA is the right degree for you.

MPA Graduate Employment

In a survey of 8,632 graduates from 194 NASPAA-accredited programs, 89 percent were employed in public administration or related fields within six months.¹



Employment Sectors for 2013-14 Graduates Within 6 Months:



Careers in Public Administration



Government Careers

- Government remains the largest collective employer of MPA graduates¹
- More than 22 million government jobs in the U.S. in 2012²

Career Titles

- City Manager
- Public Works Director
- Chief of Police
- Government Program Manager
- Urban or Regional Planner
- Social and Community Service Manager
- Chief Librarian
- Grants Coordinator

Nonprofit Careers

- The nonprofit sector remains the largest single employer of MPA graduates
- More than 11.4 million nonprofit jobs in the U.S. in 2012³

Career Titles

- Director of Advancement
- Director of Development
- Executive Director
- Program Director
- Services Director
- Development Manager
- Grants Coordinator

What You'll Learn

The Master of Public Administration degree is the core professional degree for a management career in public service.

The curriculum is designed to aid students in developing the skills and techniques used by leaders and managers to implement policies, projects and programs that resolve important societal problems.

Programs can be designed for:

- Pre-service students or new career professionals
- In-service students or established professionals looking to advance

Elective Areas

- Public management
- Nonprofit management
- Healthcare management
- Human resource management
- Urban affairs
- State/local government administration
- Financial management

MPA vs. MPP

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master of Public Policy (MPP) degrees are similar and can overlap in courses or specializations. In general, MPA programs emphasize management and implementation techniques, and MPP programs emphasize policy research and evaluation. Individual programs can vary.⁴

NASPAA Accreditation

NASPAA (the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration) represents the global standard in public service education.

NASPAA accreditation verifies that your degree meets the standards of the public service education field, ensuring a foundation for future success.

Graduating from a NASPAA-accredited program:

- Confirms your education is based on field-wide standards of quality
- Assures future employers that you have been well prepared for the profession



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