

Preparing **public leaders**
for **positive change.**



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

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Shape **the future**. Starting with **your own**.

You're looking to make a difference in your organization, community and the world. For that, you'll need the right combination of knowledge, experiences and skills. The Master of Public Administration Program at CSU Dominguez Hills offers a multidisciplinary and practical education designed to prepare you to be an effective public leader enacting positive change.

[A respected program that produces effective public leaders.](#)

Launched in 1973, CSUDH's MPA Program was the first of its kind in southern California to earn accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). Since then, we have helped develop multiple generations of public leaders who are actively shaping public policy. As an MPA graduate, you'll join the ranks of these leaders making a meaningful difference in our communities.

Join the ranks of **a prestigious** group of **professionals contributing** to the **success of vital organizations**.

Set yourself apart.



Flexible options that fit you.

A respected program, the MPA at CSUDH is also a flexible one. To help you reach your goals while accommodating your busy life, CSUDH offers two paths to your MPA degree: Our traditional on-campus MPA Program and our interactive online MPA Program. Both options offer convenient classes and formats that work around your schedule and needs.

Start your degree now.

You're ready to begin leading change now. CSUDH's on-campus and online MPA Programs can be completed in as little as two years, allowing you to reach your goals.

In-demand skills.

The MPA Program at CSUDH emphasizes the multidisciplinary skills needed to excel in the public sector or in a doctoral program. You'll emerge well prepared to find consensus among diverse groups of people, build and support teams, communicate effectively and solve problems through critical thinking.

Specialized learning.

CSUDH's MPA Program offers a choice of four concentrations that allow you to delve deeper into specific disciplines within public administration. You'll expand and hone your knowledge while pursuing the topics that matter most to you and your goals.

Outstanding faculty.

Engaging, interactive and small, MPA classes are led by faculty who bring the highest level of academic achievement and research as well as practical management experience in the public arena. Whether you choose the on-campus or online MPA Program, you'll be part of a personalized, supportive and collaborative learning environment.

Choose the path that works for you.

Your MPA is an investment in your professional development and your future. Choosing the right MPA Program is an important decision. CSUDH makes that decision easier, with two flexible MPA Programs designed to meet a variety of needs, schedules and goals.

Compare our programs, then call your CSUDH MPA Program Coordinator at (310) 243-3646 to discuss your options and find the right fit for you.

On-Campus MPA Program Classroom learning for professional advancement.

If you're seeking a traditional classroom learning experience, CSUDH's on-campus MPA Program offers a convenient option for working professionals. Our on-campus MPA Program follows the university's academic calendar, with courses offered in spring, summer and fall semesters.



Students in our on-campus MPA Program enjoy a number of benefits, including:

Central campus location.

CSUDH is located in the epicenter of LA's thriving South Bay, home to a number of leading non-profit organizations as well as public entities. The campus is conveniently close to major freeways and public transportation, with downtown Los Angeles just a short drive away.

Flexible schedules.

Our on-campus program offers convenient evening courses that meet two nights a week, allowing you to balance your work and personal obligations.

Small, collaborative classrooms.

MPA on-campus courses are led by outstanding faculty. Small class sizes ensure ample personal interaction with faculty mentors for individualized instruction. Engaging class formats combine lectures, case study analysis, research, guest speakers and project-based learning that provide exposure to a range of teaching styles and practical experiences with real-world applications.





Unique internship opportunities.

Students in our on-campus MPA Program have the opportunity to participate in supervised internships in the areas of public administration or non-profit organizations. Internships provide invaluable experience that set you apart.

Choice of electives.

As an on-campus MPA student, a wide range of electives are available that equip you with specialized knowledge in a subject that interests you. Options include:

- Public Management
- Criminal Justice Policy and Administration
- Healthcare Administration
- Public and Non-Profit Management

Online MPA Program

Your degree. On your schedule.

CSUDH's online-only MPA Program offers the advantages of distance learning to professionals who are located far from campus, or who want the flexibility of choosing when to complete their courses. Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and NASPAA, our online MPA Program offers the rigorous curriculum and expert instruction of our traditional on-campus MPA Program, available right from your home or office desktop.



Advantages of CSUDH's online MPA Program include:

Affordable excellence.

CSUDH's highly respected online MPA Program can be completed for less than half the national average of MPA degree programs. Financial aid is available for MPA students to help you reach your professional goals.

Interactive learning.

Online courses include a high level of regular interaction between students and faculty. You'll have access to your faculty members as well as fellow students through a wide range of channels including online group discussions, video conferencing and email.

Convenient and comprehensive.

Our online MPA courses start and end on a set date, but allow you to complete coursework on your own schedule. Online courses cover the same comprehensive curriculum and rigorous instruction as our on-campus program, without requiring you to physically attend a set class at a specific time. Allowing you the flexibility and freedom to learn anywhere, anytime.





Choice of concentrations.

Online MPA students have the option to select from one of four concentrations that provide a more in-depth study of key issues related to public administration. These include:

- **Public Management** - A general viewpoint on a wide array of public policy issues and organizational perspective in the public sector.
- **Criminal Justice Policy and Administration** - Expand your understanding of administrative law and policy analysis, police administration and ethics, homeland security and terrorism.
- **Healthcare Administration** - Learn how to effectively lead healthcare organizations with a greater comprehension of legal issues and healthcare policy, the public healthcare system and healthcare financial management.
- **Public and Non-Profit Management** - Cover important topics in the non-profit and voluntary sector, including leadership and management, fundraising and fund development.





On-campus vs online programs

Quick Comparison

	On-Campus MPA	Online MPA 8-week courses	Online MPA 12-week courses
Semesters/ sessions offered per academic year	3 semesters (spring, summer, fall)	3 sessions - each session has two 8-week terms	4 sessions (spring, summer, fall 1, fall 2) - each session is 12 weeks
Class schedule	2 evenings per week, 7:00 - 9:45 p.m.	Complete classes on your own schedule before end date	Complete classes on your own schedule before end date
Format	In a physical classroom located on the CSUDH campus	Online	Online
Course load	Typically 2 courses per semester	1 course per term, 2 terms per session	Typically 2 courses per session taken concurrently
Coursework	Lectures, case study analysis, research, guest speakers, projects	Video presentations and lectures, case study analysis, projects, discussion boards, and groupwork	Video presentations and lectures, case study analysis, projects, discussion boards, and groupwork
Faculty/student interaction	In classroom and during office hours	Group online discussions, video conferences, NetMeetings, emails	Group online discussions, video conferences, NetMeetings, emails
Time to program completion	3 years	2 years	2 years

Application Deadlines

On-Campus MPA Program

The on-campus MPA Program accepts new students only in the fall semester. Applications open the year prior.

- October 1 to June 1..... Applications open
 - June 1 Application deadline
 - July 1 Application materials deadline
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8-Week Online MPA Program

The 8-week online MPA Program accepts new students in the spring and fall sessions.

- August 1 to October 1 Spring session applications open
 - October 1 Spring session application deadline
 - October 1 to June 1 Fall session applications open
 - November 1 Spring session application materials deadline
 - July 1 Fall application materials deadline
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12-Week Online MPA Program

The online MPA Program accepts new students for sessions in spring and fall (session 3 in June and session 4 in September). Dates for spring sessions are from the year prior.

- August 1 to October 1 Spring session applications open
 - October 1 Spring session application deadline
 - October 1 to August 1 Fall sessions applications open
 - November 1 Spring session application materials deadline
 - April 1 Fall 3 session application deadline
 - May 1 Fall 3 session application materials deadline
 - July 1 Fall 4 session application deadline
 - August 1 Fall 4 session application materials deadline
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Questions? Contact us.

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Advance your career. Apply for the MPA Program.

Take your professional career to the next level. And take the next steps to apply for CSUDH's on-campus or online MPA Program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the MPA Program must meet CSUDH admission requirements for graduate study as well as the graduate admission requirements from the Department of Public Administration.

Minimum Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to CSUDH's on-campus or online MPA Program, you must:

- Hold an acceptable baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- Be in good standing at the last institution attended.
- Have an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester (90 quarter) upper division units or 2.75 cumulative grade point average.
- Have taken a college-level math course equivalent to one that meets the university's General Education Reasoning Requirement in CSUDH's Academic Catalog, preferably with a grade of "B" or higher.

Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement

The Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) is required of all entering students in the MPA Program. This requirement must be met before nine units have been completed in the program. To satisfy the GWAR, you must accomplish one of the following criteria:

- Earn a bachelor's degree from another CSU campus between 1984 to present.
- Earn a grade of "B" or higher in English 350 or obtain written acknowledgment from the instructors of IDS 397 and 398 that performance in the course was commensurate with a grade of "B" or higher.
- Earn a score of 4.0 or higher on the Analytical Writing Assessment of the GMAT exam.
- Earn a score of 4.0 or higher on the Analytical Writing section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) exam. To learn more about the GRE, please visit ets.org.
- Earn a score of 8.0 or higher on the Graduate Writing Exam (GWE) administered by the Testing Center.

Prerequisite Courses

Students who do not hold an undergraduate degree in public administration, or have relevant work experience, will be required to demonstrate competencies in foundational public administration knowledge. Students can satisfy these requirements by successfully completing three online Bridge Courses offered through the MPA Program. These online courses are:

- Fundamentals of Public Administration
- Applied Statistics in Public Administration
- Fundamentals of Financial Resource Administration

MPA applicants may also meet these requirements by taking equivalent undergraduate courses at the CSUDH campus or equivalent at another institution.

Contact MPA Program department to verify course eligibility. Call (310) 243-3646, email mpaonline@csudh.edu or visit us online at CSUDH.EDU/MPAOnline.

How to Apply

1. Apply online at CSUMentor.edu. Choose the MPA Program and format you wish to complete. See application dates on page 9.

2. Pay the nonrefundable \$55 application fee.

3. Have your official transcripts sent directly from your colleges attended to:

CSUDH Admissions & Records Office
1000 E. Victoria Street
Carson, CA 90747

4. Submit your current résumé and a personal one- to two-page statement describing your professional accomplishments and goals, as well as how an MPA will help you reach those goals. Email your résumé and personal statement to mpaonline@csudh.edu or mail to:

MPA Program at CSUDH
1000 E. Victoria Street, SBS A-323
Carson, CA 90747

After reviewing your application and materials, the MPA Program will contact you via mail with your admission decision.

Additional Information

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Master of Public Administration Program Courses and Costs



Recommended **Course Schedule**

To help you maximize your time, complete your MPA degree faster and save costs, we have developed the following recommended course schedules for the on-campus and online MPA Programs. Following this course schedule, you should be able to complete the program in as little as two years.

On-Campus MPA Program **Public Management Concentration** (subject to change)

Semester	Courses
Year 1, Fall	PUB 500, PUB 501
Year 1, Spring	PUB 502, PUB 508
Year 2, Fall	PUB 510, PUB 512
Year 2, Spring	PUB 504, elective course
Year 3, Fall	PUB 506, elective course
Year 3, Spring	PUB 592, elective course

8-Week Online MPA Program **Specialized Concentration** (subject to change)

Session	Fall Start Schedule		Spring Start Schedule	
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Year 1, Fall	PUB 495, PUB 495	PUB 495, PUB 500	_____	_____
Year 1, Spring	PUB 501	PUB 502	PUB 495, PUB 495	PUB 495, PUB 500
Year 1, Summer	PUB 508	PUB 510	PUB 501	PUB 502
Year 2, Fall	PUB 512	PUB 550, CJA 563 or PUB 570	PUB 508	PUB 510
Year 2, Spring	PUB 551, CJA 565 or PUB 572	PUB 552, CJA 566 or PUB 574	PUB 551, CJA 565 or PUB 572	PUB 552, CJA 566 or PUB 574
Year 2, Summer	PUB 504	PUB 506	PUB 504	PUB 506
Year 3, Fall	PUB 592	_____	PUB 512	PUB 550, CJA 563 or PUB 570
Year 3, Spring	_____	_____	PUB 592	_____

12-Week Online MPA Program **Public Management Concentration** (subject to change)

Session	Spring	Summer	Fall I	Fall II	
Year 1	1st session	PUB 500, elective course	PUB 501, elective course	PUB 500, elective course	PUB 500, PUB 501
	2nd session	PUB 501, PUB 508	PUB 500, PUB 512	PUB 501, PUB 508	PUB 502, PUB 512
	3rd session	PUB 502, PUB 512	PUB 504, PUB 508	PUB 502, PUB 512	PUB 504, PUB 510
	4th session	PUB 510, elective course	PUB 502, PUB 512	PUB 510, PUB 504	PUB 506, elective course
Year 2	1st session	Elective course	PUB 504, elective course	PUB 506, elective course	PUB 508, elective course
	2nd session	PUB 504	PUB 506, elective course	Elective course	PUB 592, elective course
	3rd session	PUB 592, elective course	PUB 510	PUB 592	_____
	4th session	_____	PUB 592	_____	_____

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Master of Public Administration Program Courses and Costs



TUITION AND FEES

On-Campus MPA Program

The on-campus MPA Program tuition costs and fees are determined by the university, and are based on the number of units taken per semester. For the 2014-2015 academic calendar, tuition costs and fees are:

- Up to six units: \$1,953 per semester
- More than six units: \$3,685 per semester
- Estimated total costs are \$14,000 for California residents and \$27,000 for nonresidents

Estimated budget for the six-semester, on-campus program:

For California residents:

- Semester tuition fee:.....\$1,953 (six unit tuition rate)
- Student activity fee:.....\$70
- Student center fee:.....\$163
- Health facilities fee:.....\$3
- Health services fee:.....\$75
- Instructionally related activities fee:.....\$5
- Student Success fee:.....\$35
- **Total for residents:.....\$2,304**

Nonresidents must add nonresident fee in addition to resident fees:

- Nonresident tuition fee:.....\$2,232
- **Total for nonresidents:.....\$4,536**

8-Week Online MPA Program

The tuition costs and fees for the 8-week online MPA Program are \$600 per unit. Estimated budget for the 8-week online MPA Program*:

- Session tuition fee:.....\$3,600 (\$600 per unit)
- Session books:.....\$855*
- Miscellaneous or personal expenses:.....\$669*
- Meals and housing:.....\$5,237*
- **Total:.....\$10,361**

12-Week Online MPA Program

The tuition costs and fees for the 12-week online MPA Program are \$460 per unit. Estimated budget for the 12-week online MPA Program*:

- Session tuition fee:.....\$2,760 (\$460 per unit)
- Session books:.....\$855*
- Miscellaneous or personal expenses:.....\$549*
- Meals and housing:.....\$6,197*
- **Total:.....\$10,361**

*Expenses such as books, housing and other items listed are estimates provided by the Office of Financial Aid and not reflective of actual cost. Costs provided are to qualify for maximum Stafford Loan limits. Students are required to enroll a minimum number of units to qualify.

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