

Graduate Certificate in Public Management

(Program Worksheet for students admitted prior to Spring 2013)

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The Graduate Certificate in Public Management provides students with a thorough understanding of the managerial concepts and techniques of public administration and is designed particularly for those who already have a professional field of specialization. The content of this certificate is aligned with FIU's urban mission of providing engaged learning in its service area, as well as the Departmental mission of our accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program, of which the primary student body is in the local government sector.

Admission Requirements

All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and must have an upper division GPA of at least 2.75. Students must be admitted to the certificate program. Admission to a certificate program is competitive and it does not constitute admission to the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program.

Note: Those students who apply for and are admitted to the Master of Public Administration degree program may have certificate courses credited toward the MPA degree provided each course has a grade of "B" or higher and the student is admitted to the MPA program prior to the completion of no more than 12 Graduate Certificate credits.

How to Apply

In order for you to be officially considered for admission to a Graduate Certificate program, you must complete the following steps:

1. Submit an application online:
 - If you are currently enrolled in a FIU Master's or Doctoral degree program – [Graduate Certificate Program Application](#)
 - For all others - [Graduate Admissions Application](#)
2. Submit an application fee. A \$30.00, non-refundable, application fee payable by check, money order, or credit card is required;
3. Submit official transcript/s. Transcripts of all degree granting institutions must be sent directly from each college or university either electronically or in a sealed envelope to the Graduate Admissions Office (Note: If your undergraduate degree was from FIU you don't need to do this because your student records are accessible by computer from the Department);
4. Submit three letters of recommendation, resume, and essay to the Graduate Admissions Office

Use the Graduate Certificate Application to keep track of the courses you complete. When you have completed all certificate courses, turn in this form to the Department of Public Administration. You will receive your Certificate by mail. If you are also enrolled in the MPA program, you may receive your Certificate before or after you receive the MPA degree (depending upon when you complete the certificate program requirements).

Exceptions to the graduate admissions requirement

Students admitted to a Public Administration Graduate Certificate program, who have completed 12 Graduate Certificate credits with a 3.25 or better GPA may apply to the MPA program, subject to the approval of the program Director or designee. Subject to MPA Director's approval, the credits obtained in a MPA Graduate Certificate Program may be used to satisfy requirements of the MPA degree, provided the student is admitted to the MPA program prior to the completion of the final six graduate certificate credit hours required to obtain the certificate

General Requirements

Students must complete their program of study within three years from the date of admission and earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. All course grades must be "C" or better.

Curriculum (15 credits)

Required Courses

PAD 6053	Political, Social, and Economic Context of PA	3
PAD 6156	Applied Organization Theory and Behavior	3
PAD 6227	Public Finance and & Budgetary Process	3
PAD 6710	IT & E Government	3
PAD 6807	Urban and Municipal Government Administration	3

Tuition and Fees

Visit the [Office of Student Financials](#) to use the online [Tuition Fee Calculator](#) tool.

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