

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

CSUN admits those who apply for admission to the Master of Public Administration program in one of two categories: (1) Classified or (2) Conditionally Classified.

- A. Admission Requirements for **Classified Status**
1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
 2. Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
 3. Successful completion of the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE). Applicants who score a minimum of three on the Analytical Writing section of the GRE are exempt from the UDWPE.
- B. Admission Requirements for **Conditionally Classified Status**
Conditionally classified admission may be awarded to students with a 2.5-2.99 GPA and the following:
1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
 2. At least two years of work experience in the public sector.
 3. Students with less than a 3.0 GPA must provide three letters of reference from supervisors that include information about work assignments and their completion, overall work performance, and growth in responsibility in the workplace.

Submit Online Application:

The materials listed below will be required as part of your application. You will be given an opportunity to access, complete, and upload the following required documents as part of your online application:

- C. **Statement of Purpose** – One to one and a half page (300-400 words) statement of purpose describing and explaining the applicant's interest in the CSUN MPA program and how enrollment in the program will contribute to the applicant's personal and/or professional growth and success (**double spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman, PDF/Word format**).
- D. **Resume** (PDF/Word format)
- E. **Application Fee** – \$55 application fee payment (Visa or MasterCard)
- F. **Transcripts** – Official, final, transcripts/academic records from **all** academic institutions you have attended in the past, not just from institutions at which you earned a degree, are required. (If you attended CSUN you do not need to request CSUN transcripts; we will acquire your CSUN records for your application.) (**Must be sealed with degree posted**)

Send transcripts directly address below:

- G. **Tseng College: Admissions, Registration, and Client Services**

Attn: MPA Program
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California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is a vibrant and diverse university offering a wide range of programs and services, many of which are nationally recognized for their excellence and distinction. CSUN serves as an engine of innovation, creativity, discovery and service for Greater Los Angeles through robust applied research, teaching and learning.

Offering certificates and professional training as well as bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in more than 200 fields, CSUN is one of the largest universities in the state of California. The university also has partnerships with organizations throughout Los Angeles.

CSUN demonstrates its strong commitment to the success of mid-career professionals by providing forward-looking and professionally focused degree and certificate programs, designed specifically for working adults seeking academic credentials with lasting value.

Distinction in Accreditation

California State University, Northridge is accredited by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), a regional institutional accrediting body, recognized by the U.S. Council of Higher Education and Accreditation.

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Statement of Nondiscrimination and Disability Services Information: CSUN does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status, as monitored by the Department of Labor (Office of Federal Contract Compliance) and the Department of Education, or in violation of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations adopted thereunder.

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Develop essential leadership and management skills!

MPA OPTIONS

CSUN's MPA programs, offered through the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, prepare students to address contemporary managerial and administrative challenges in public-sector organizations of all kinds and offer concentrations in the following high-growth areas:



Health Administration

Online

Provides the specialized knowledge and develops the capabilities essential for improving and maintaining the efficiency of health-related organizations, implementing effective health care-related public policy, and expanding access to quality care. Offered in collaboration with CSUN's College of Health and Human Development as well as the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Nonprofit Sector Management

Online

Develops leadership and management skills specific to nonprofit organizations. Because many nonprofits rely on public-sector funding and contract their services out to public agencies, today's managers must be able to function successfully in both domains.

Public Sector Management and Leadership

On-Campus, Online, and Off-Campus

Develops and enhances management skills, enabling graduates to function more effectively within all types of public organizations. This option emphasizes both the quantitative aspects of management and the human dynamics of leadership.

CSUN ranks among the nation's top providers of MPA degrees and is California's leading provider. Since 1978, more than 3,600 graduates have earned their MPA degrees at CSUN. Of the top MPA providers in the United States, **only CSUN offers both** online and face-to-face instruction.

All of CSUN's professionally focused MPA programs develop leadership and management skills relevant to the needs of today's public-sector professionals. These degrees provide the specialized knowledge and develop the capabilities essential for improving and maintaining the efficiency and success in a variety of organizations.

PROGRAM FEATURES

CSUN's MPA program includes several features designed to meet the needs of working professionals.



Work-Friendly Scheduling

Online: Online students start and proceed through the two-year program as a learning community. Although E-learning is primarily individual, the online format also features conveniently scheduled, group collaborative discussions.

On-Campus: On-campus students create their own academic schedules. While many on-campus students successfully complete the program in two years, others find a faster or slower pace better suited to the demands of their personal and professional lives.

Off-Campus: Off-campus classes typically meet on weekday evenings at various Los Angeles-area locations. Students start and proceed through the program as a group, completing the course of study in two years.

Structured Learning

Regular assignments, scheduled activities and predetermined due dates assist both online and face-to-face students with staying on-track and completing the program on schedule. This program links students with distinguished practitioner-educators with diverse backgrounds in a wide range of public administration roles and organizations.

A Community of Peers

The cohort format not only facilitates on-time completion and maximizes interaction with faculty but also supports the development of valuable professional relationships with classmates who share similar career interests and goals. On-campus students also benefit from the academic and professional support typically experienced in face-to-face educational environments.

Exceptional Support Services

Chief among these is the personal assistance of a program coordinator whose expertise in program-related administrative matters frees students to focus on their studies and careers. Each program also has an assigned academic lead. This is a faculty member with specific responsibilities for coordinating the work of the faculty and responding to students' academic questions.

Financial Aid

Most of our students take advantage of financial aid based on eligibility. We have a team of specialists dedicated specifically to our professional students to help process applications and distribute funding.

CURRICULUM

The Carefully Crafted Curriculum

CSUN's MPA program features a carefully crafted curriculum, specifically designed to meet the needs of working professionals in a variety of fields. Faculty look at the program as a whole — from start to finish — to ensure the educational experience is powerful, comprehensive, and focused on the essentials that will lead to success.

The MPA curriculum consists of three components:

Core Courses (15 units):

MPA 610	Public Administration and Its Environment
MPA 620	Research Methods in Public Administration
MPA 630	Organization Theory and Human Behavior
MPA 644	Public Budgeting and Financial Administration
MPA 650	Public Policy Process

Elective Options (18 units):

Choose the course set from one of the three options listed below

Health Administration Option Courses

HSCI 510	Systems for Health Delivery in the U.S.
HSCI 511	Health Services Administration Theory and Practice
HSCI 513	Leadership in Health Administration Practice
HSCI 523	Seminar in Healthcare Organization
HSCI 613	Managing Change in Healthcare Organizations
MPA 612A	Intergovernmental Relations

Nonprofit Sector Management Option Courses

MPA 632D	Overview of Nonprofit Organizational Management
MPA 632E	Strategic Planning, Needs Assessment and Program Design
MPA 632F	Issues and Problems in Human Resources, Board and Volunteer Management in Nonprofits
MPA 632G	Nonprofit Finance and Financial Management
MPA 632H	Funding and Resource Development for Nonprofit Organizations
MPA 632I	Program Implementation and Management for Nonprofit Services

Public Sector Management and Leadership Option Courses

MPA 612A	Intergovernmental Relations
MPA 622A	Policy Implementation and Program Evaluation*
MPA 623A	Seminar in Effective Public Sector Management
MPA 623B	Approaches and Methods in Program Evaluation
MPA 623D	Human Resources and the Basics of Competencies Measurement in Government*
MPA 632A	Organizational Leadership*
MPA 632B	Strategic Management
MPA 632C	Communication in Public Organization*
MPA 640	Public Policy Analysis*
MPA 642A	Ethics and Professionalism
MPA 642B	Public Sector Labor Relations
MPA 643	Human Resources Management*

The Culminating Experience (3 units):

Graduate Project

This culminating course requires students to demonstrate their mastery of their specialization in Public Administration. Students will revise an existing research paper that they produced in one of their graduate seminars in the MPA Program and develop it into a manuscript that could be submitted as a conference paper, journal article, or academic writing sample. This course is to be taken only in the student's final semester. Available for NC/CR only.

**On-Campus MPA students may choose from among these additional electives. Not all electives are offered each semester.*