

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE MANAGEMENT: CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

DEGREE DESCRIPTION

The Master of Science in public service management at DePaul University prepares students for leadership roles in the public and nonprofit sectors. The professional courses allow students to explore the legal, financial, resource and strategic issues of public management.

The health care administration concentration provides students with the managerial and analytical skills necessary to understand and influence the processes through which hospitals, associated health care organizations, and public and private agencies provide health care in the United States. Electives provide opportunities to explore the roles of specific nonprofit and government health care providers and regulatory agencies.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment of medical and health services managers is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations as the health care industry continues to expand and diversify. The health care administration concentration of the public service management degree positions students for managerial roles in health-related organizations.

The degree also offers concentrations in higher education administration and metropolitan planning and urban affairs, as well as a standard concentration.

The program is accredited by NASPAA.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Evening and Online Courses. Classes are offered in the evening so you can learn alongside other motivated students.

Well-Respected Degree. With DePaul's impressive academic rankings and distinguished faculty, you'll graduate with a degree that's well-respected and speaks loudly to future employers. And, when you graduate, you'll become part of our alumni family—171,000 and growing—giving you the network you need to advance your career.

Career Outlook. Ninety-four percent of our 2014 SPS graduates were employed, pursuing advanced degrees or seeking neither after degree completion. Our graduates have gone on to work in nonprofit, for-profit, educational and governmental sectors.

Examples of recent employers of SPS graduates include:

- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
- American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons
- AccuQuest Hearing Centers
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
- City of Chicago
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Rush University Medical Center
- The University of Chicago Medicine

Our graduates have held varied positions within these organizations, including health planners, operations supervisors, directors, claim representatives, compliance officers, policy analysts and finance coordinators.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students complete a total of 13 courses (52 quarter hours). The total comprises nine courses (36 quarter hours) of required course work and four courses (16 quarter hours) of elective or concentration courses.

The program can be completed in two years by taking two classes a quarter (full-time status). The classes are primarily held in the evenings at the Loop Campus.

Core Courses (9 courses, 36 quarter hours)

MPS 500	Introduction to Public Service Management
MPS 501	Cross Sector Analysis
MPS 522	Fundamentals of Human Resource Management
MPS 542	Policy Design and Analysis
MPS 586	Research Methods I: Introduction to Applied Research and Statistics.
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MPS 587	Research Methods II: Advanced Applied Research and Statistics
or	
MPS 588	Introduction to Research and Statistics for Management
and	
MPS 589	Advanced Research Methods and Statistics for Management
MPS 593	Integrative Seminar
MPS 594	Ethical Leadership in Public Service

Concentration Courses

(5 courses, 20 quarter hours)

Students choose five electives from the concentration below.

Required Courses

MPS 514 Government Financial Administration

or

MPS 515 Nonprofit Financial Administration

MPS 531 Financing and Costing in Health Care

MPS 537 Health Care Delivery Systems

Choose two elective courses from the following:

MPS 513 Volunteerism

MPS 516 Management of Information Technology

MPS 519 Resource Development

MPS 521 Leadership and Management

MPS 523 Group Dynamics for Leaders

MPS 529 Strategic Management Planning

MPS 534 Medical Sociology

MPS 535 Issues in Health Care

MPS 546 Advocacy and Lobbying

MPS 552 GIS for Community Development

MPS 562 Introduction to Health Law

MPS 600 Independent Study

MPS 601 Internship

Thesis Option

MPS 598 Thesis Research

Students with a GPA of 3.5 or above may choose the thesis option and replace MPS 593 with MPS 598.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for the public service management program, students must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, students must demonstrate, through past academic or professional work, a capacity for achievement.

To apply, please submit the following:

- A completed online application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended
- A personal statement (two pages) describing your educational and career goals, relevant work or volunteer experience, and any special circumstances affecting past or prospective academic performance
- A current résumé or curriculum vitae

Students educated outside the United States must present proof of English proficiency. A minimum TOEFL score of 590 (paper-based), 243 (computer-based), 96 (Internet-based) or a minimum 7.5 on the IELTS may be submitted for this requirement.

HOW TO APPLY

Online applications can be submitted at go.depaul.edu/apply. Application credentials can be submitted through the online application or by email to graddepaul@depaul.edu. Additionally, official electronic transcripts can be emailed to graddepaul@depaul.edu directly by the issuing institution. Please make sure your name is on all documents.

Transcripts and other required credentials also can be mailed to:

The Office of Graduate Admission

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
DePaul University
2400 N. Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, IL 60614

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Please note the information provided is current as of October 2015 and is subject to change.