



Executive Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program

ECU's 100% online 36-credit executive MPA program is geared toward experienced professionals looking to advance their careers in government and nonprofit sectors.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- 100% online, with both synchronous and asynchronous classes
- Synchronous online classes meet live virtually one evening per week
- Cohort-based, with student groups starting and finishing the program together
- Students take two classes per semester, earning an MPA in two years
- No GRE or internship requirement
- Less than \$300 per credit for NC residents
- International accreditation (NASPAA) to protect your degree's value
- Learn with recognized faculty with diverse public management and policy backgrounds and research interests

PROGRAM ADMISSION

Cohorts of executive MPA students are admitted roughly every other year to begin classes in fall semesters. The ECU Graduate School application deadline is August 1.

Applicants should submit or satisfy the following:

- ECU Graduate School application and application fee
- Resume demonstrating at least five years of relevant professional experience, with three years of management or supervisory responsibilities
- Statement of purpose describing professional goals
- Official transcripts demonstrating a minimum 2.7 undergraduate GPA
- Three letters of recommendation from academic or professional references

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Executive MPA students complete a total of 12 courses (36 credits) in a mix of core and elective courses. Eight core courses and four electives are required. There is no internship requirement for EMPA students.

Core Courses:

- Politics & Management
- Analysis in the Public Sector
- Quantitative Methods
- Human Resource Management
- Public Budgeting & Finance
- Applied Policy Analysis
- Leadership & Ethics
- Professional Paper/Capstone

Common Elective Options:

- Productivity/Performance Management
- Economic Development
- State & Local Government Finance
- Program Evaluation
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Organization Theory
- Nonprofit Management