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Earn your Doctorate in Public Administration

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Program

The Doctorate in Public Administration (D.P.A.) Program provides intensive and relevant graduate education for practicing public managers. The course content, instruction, and research exercises are designed to meet your special needs as a practicing administrator in the public sector. Program participants include professionals such as government, hospital, and social service agency administrators; public administration educators; and public management consultants. Classes are offered at various regional locations in the United States and can usually complete degree requirements in three years.

Curriculum

Courses are interdisciplinary and organized into sequences. Courses focus on typical managerial roles. Topics include:
- Instruments of Power
- Management Information Systems
- Systems Dynamics
- Management Principles
- Responsibility and Ethics
- Administrative Law
- Funding and Finances
- Personnel Management
- Public Policy and Decision Making
- Strategy and Tactics of Change
- The Environment and Economics
- Group Dynamics and Interpersonal Relations

The curriculum integrates a plan of study that allows you to accumulate knowledge and skills from the courses taught as well as from the interaction with the other participants.

Research

Problems of policy and administration which you face as a public manager are the basis for papers and reports. The Analytic Research Paper, scheduled to be completed in your third year of study, is an extensive analysis of an unresolved management problem from your professional experience. Thus, your studies as a doctoral candidate can have a direct and immediate effect on your agency as well as on the development of your professional skills.

Faculty

Instructors include both academicians and professional managers who have made nationally recognized contributions to the literature and practice of public administration. Opportunities exist for close interaction between the faculty and you as a participant.
The faculty includes:

Graham Baxter, Ph.D.
Associate Director, Energy and Environmental Center

James D. Carroll, J.D., Ph.D.
Consultant, Advanced Study Program, Brookings Institution

Warren Cikens, M.P.A.
Senior Staff Member, Advanced Study Program, Brookings Institution

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Professor of Politics, Princeton University

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Assistant Director, U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations
Classes

Classes are scheduled approximately every fifth weekend, all day Friday and Saturday for two years in a regional location near you. In addition, you are required to attend three week-long workshops on the main campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, over the three years of the program. Usually you will attend a workshop at the end of your first, second, and third year of study, respectively.

Tuition

The entire three-year program tuition is $8,600 (61 credit hours of coursework at $141 per credit hour). All required books, articles, and other instructional materials are included in the tuition. A $50 non-refundable application fee is to accompany all applications. Other fees may be assessed on an individual basis according to additional services not included in those named above. Tuition and fees are subject to increase on July 1, 1983, but this increase will not affect students who matriculate before that date.

Admission

Admissions standards require that you hold a master’s degree and be employed in a position involving some managerial responsibility. Documents to support the above must be submitted. In some exceptional cases, one of these requirements may be waived as determined by the DPA Admissions Committee upon receipt of your application and documentation.

For further information contact:
DPA Admissions Office
(305) 475-7690 (Florida toll-free 1-800-432-5021 Ext. 7690)

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