

Graduate Certificate in Public Management

Certified Public Manager Program

Who Should Apply?

Graduate students and professionals in the public sector encouraged to apply

Professionals in local, state, and federal government and non-profit agencies encouraged to apply

Eligibility

- ◆ Requires a four-year undergraduate degree
- ◆ Individuals must have at least three years of work experience in the public sector OR have some graduate coursework in a related field
- ◆ GRE or other entrance exams not required, but students must apply to the UNO Office of Graduate Studies and be accepted as graduate students
- ◆ Requires one essay detailed in application, two letters of recommendation, and a resume including professional experience and community service or professional activities

- ◆ Participants may be sponsored by an agency but they may also make the individual decision to apply for the program
- ◆ No degree required and no prerequisites –All educational backgrounds and levels of experience welcome
- ◆ No entrance exams required
- ◆ Requires two short essays detailed in application and two letters of recommendation, one from a current supervisor/manager

Benefits

Students enhance their skills and exposure to public management theory and practice and to public sector management. They achieve professional certification from an accredited institution without completing a Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA). Additional information can be found on the UNO Public Administration website:
<http://www.unomaha.edu/spa/index.php> .

Students can apply Graduate Certificate credits towards an MPA if they later choose to continue their education. The MPA must be completed within ten consecutive years.

Participants who successfully complete the program receive a national certification that is recognized by most states and the federal government. Participants of all educational backgrounds become more highly skilled and effective leaders and managers who are better able to help their organization perform more effectively.

The National Certified Public Manager[®] Consortium monitors and accredits the member programs. Only accredited programs are authorized to award the CPM, and UNO is an associate member of the Consortium. More information about the extensive benefits of certification can be found at www.cpmconsortium.org and on the UNO website <http://www.unomaha.edu/cpm/index.php> .

Course of Study

The program offers in-depth knowledge in subject areas including finance, human relations management, public administration and democracy, organizational theory and an elective area.

Certificate students take the same core courses required for the MPA simultaneously with MPA students.

CPM is a nationally certified comprehensive management development program that provides overviews covering a wide range of subjects. The program develops and measures competencies in the field of public management. The focus is on applying theory to practical problems and developing skills that will help participants succeed in their careers.

Cost

Individuals pay the graduate student tuition currently set at \$182 per credit hour plus additional fees.

Online non-resident students pay the resident rate plus the non-resident distance education tuition (\$190 per credit hour). Current fees are visible at:
<http://cashiering.unomaha.edu/tuition.php>.

CPM participants pay for the entire year of courses. The cost is currently set at \$2,500. Individuals must also pay the cost of books and travel if they commute to Omaha for the courses on-site.