

## MPA Program Admission Requirements

In addition to the minimum Office of Graduate Studies' requirements (refer to the other side), admission to the MPA program requires applicants to submit:

1. References from three professional and/or academic individuals who are able to assess the likelihood of success in graduate school.
2. A current resume.
3. A two-page paper that has the following topic: "The National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) has identified four pillars of public administration-economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and social equity. Please explain why they are all equally critical to the successful practice of public administration today."
4. A statement of professional goals and objectives.

## HCM Certificate Program Admission Requirements

In addition to the minimum Office of Graduate Studies' requirements, admission to the HCM Certificate program requires applicants to submit a brief essay of 250-500 words explaining why they are interested in admission to the certificate program.

### For more information

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## Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program

The MPA program combines a commitment to academic excellence with a concern for the applied aspects of public administration. It integrates theory, research, and practice in public administration in a manner that develops and enhances leadership skills, administrative capabilities, and management practices.

UW Oshkosh students gain advanced knowledge and top-notch training in managing government, non-profit, health care, and other public service organizations. The program content strengthens students' analytic skills, ethics, accountability, responsiveness and public service leadership capacity.

### MPA Degree Requirements

The MPA curriculum is composed of three parts for a total of 36 credits: core program (24), professional emphasis (9), and capstone experience (3).

The core program includes coursework in public administration, leadership and ethics, organization theory and practice, analytic methods, human resources management, public policy analysis, public budgeting and financial management, and applied economics.

Students pursue one of three professional emphases to complete the MPA program: General Public Administration, Health Agency Administration, and Law Enforcement.

At the end of the MPA program, students conduct a research project. This can be in the form of a capstone seminar, a field project, or a thesis.

## Graduate Health Care Management (HCM) Certificate

The HCM Certificate program is designed for individuals who wish to enhance their skills as health care managers, supervisors, or leaders to function effectively in today's complex health care environment.

### HCM Certificate Program Requirements

The HCM Certificate program is composed of two parts for a total of 15-credit hours: Category A (9-credit required courses) and Category B (6-credit elective courses). The Public Administration Department, the College of Business, and the College of Nursing partner in the delivery of Category B of the HCM Certificate program.

Both the MPA program and the graduate HCM certificate program emphasize career-oriented curricula; the use of innovative pedagogies; an increased choice of elective courses to meet professionals' diverse needs; online, hybrid, and/or weekend courses offered during fall, spring, and summer semesters for fast-track completion of programs; and small class sizes that enhance learning experiences and networking.

### About the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

- Third largest of the 13 state-supported universities comprising the University of Wisconsin System.
- Enrolls about 1,200 graduate students out of a total student body of about 13,500.
- Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).
- With a population of more than 65,000, the city of Oshkosh is consistently ranked among the top small cities in the nation.

### Graduate program faculty and services

- Graduate faculty hold earned doctorates, terminal degrees or professional credentials in their respective fields.
- Excellent student resources, research equipment and facilities produce an ideal environment for graduate programs.

### Financial assistance

- Graduate assistantships are available to eligible students each year.
- The Advanced Opportunity Program offers funds to students of color and non-minority economically disadvantaged students.
- Scholarships may be available through various colleges and graduate departments.
- Loans and employment are available through the Office of Financial Aid.
- International students are eligible to apply for both graduate assistantships and state of Wisconsin nonresident partial tuition remissions.

### Non-degree students

- Persons with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may take coursework as a graduate special student for professional advancement or enrichment without being admitted to a degree program.
- Enrollment in courses is subject to availability and/or approval.

### Cooperative programs

Selected programs are offered in cooperation with other University of Wisconsin System institutions whereby a portion of the coursework may be completed on another campus. These are:

- Doctorate of Nursing Practice at UW-Eau Claire
- Curriculum and Instruction at UW-Sheboygan
- Social Work at UW-Green Bay (with classes at UW-Fox Valley)

### Minimum admission requirements

Admission in full standing to a master's degree program requires the applicant to meet minimum Graduate Studies requirements:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- An undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 (4.00 scale) or at least 2.90 during the last half (approximately 60 credits) of undergraduate work.
- Submission of *official* transcripts of all collegiate work.
- Submission of a completed on-line application and payment of a non-refundable \$56 application fee.

Most programs have additional admission requirements such as letters of recommendation, GRE scores, written personal statements and others. Refer to [www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies](http://www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies), the program website or contact the Graduate Studies office for more information.

**NOTE:** International student admission requirements differ from U.S. citizens. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies for more information.

