Executive Master of Public Administration

The Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA), offered by the Center for Public Service in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, is an intensive learning experience, specially designed for ambitious professionals who are ready to assume an advanced leadership role in public service.

With a learning philosophy organized around the unique nature of public service and a curriculum combining both policy and management, the EMPA program helps our graduates develop the knowledge and skills to successfully face their organizations’ challenges. Our diverse faculty, staff, and students provide a wealth of perspectives, and our national and international field experiences offer unique insights into public service at the federal and global level. With a combination of classroom and hands-on learning, the EMPA program teaches creative approaches to leadership and enables individuals to make lasting differences in their communities.

Currently accepting applications for the Fall 2016 cohort!

Center for Public Service

EMPA Student Profile

- At least ten years of significant work experience in public, private, or non-profit organizations.
- Strong experience managing people, programs, budgets, and organizational units.
- Demonstrated passion and drive for public service-oriented work.

Admissions Requirements

- 10 Years of Significant Work Experience
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Current Resume
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Official Transcripts from ALL Prior Institutions Attended
- Undergraduate GPA of 2.75+* and/or Graduate GPA of 3.0+** (based on at least 9 credit hours of Graduate course work)

Note: No GRE Scores Required
*Undergraduate GPA of 2.5-2.74 may be a conditional admit
**Graduate GPA will supersede Undergraduate GPA

“The EMPA Program has just the right amount of relevance, rigor, and flexibility necessary to make the learning meaningful and manageable for the working professional.”

- Mary Paulson, Chief of Staff
  Salem-Keizer Public Schools
EMPA Program Benefits

- **A Cohort Learning Experience** - as part of a cohort, students benefit from the rich and varied experiences of their peers.
- **Saturday Class Sessions** - weekend classes make it convenient for working professionals to attend.
- **Custom Program** - students gain a broad perspective of public service leadership with the opportunity to focus on challenges specific to their organization.
- **Unique Leadership Model** - central to the EMPA curriculum is a unique leadership model successfully tested for over 20 years in the U.S., Japan, China, and Vietnam.
- **Faculty and Staff Advisors** - each cohort has a mentor to provide guidance through the program, and each student works closely with a faculty advisor on a management challenge pertaining to their particular organization and goals.
- **Center for Public Service (CPS)** - as part of the CPS community, EMPA students and alumni join a large and diverse group of public service professionals and gain access to the Center’s wealth of resources and activities.

“The co-learning between students and faculty that occurs within the EMPA cohort model added depth and breadth to our experiences that we couldn’t have found otherwise.”

- Laurel Butman, Deputy Administrator, Clackamas County

Student Organizations

- City of Eugene
- Beacon Hill Water & Sewer
- Multnomah County Fire District
- Education Northwest
- Oregon Air National Guard
- City of Portland
- Federal Railway Administration
- City of Madras
- TriMet
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Jefferson County
- Oregon AFL-CIO
- Portland Police Bureau
- City of Lake Oswego
- Portland Public Schools
- Army Corps of Engineers

Degree Requirements

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TOTAL: 13 courses + Capstone = 45 total credits
COST: $37,000 (tuition, books, parking passes, trip fees)

Apply Now

Application Deadline: April 1, 2016
www.pdx.edu/cps/application

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“LEADERS CREATE THE KIND OF VISIONS THAT GENERATE PASSION, BUILD SUPPORT, TEST COURAGE, AND ULTIMATELY SUCCEED IN TRANSFORMING VISIONS INTO LASTING LEGACIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.”

- Senator Mark O. Hatfield