



### CAREERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

# What can you do with a degree in Public Administration?

Our graduates work in a variety of fields including health and healthcare, human services, public safety and security, housing and community development, environmental protection, transportation, public finance, education, the arts and culture, philanthropy, politics, social entrepreneurship, corporate public affairs, and many other fields of policy and practice.

The government sector consists of nearly 90,000 federal, state, and local governments in the U.S. that provide a range of critical public programs and services. The nonprofit sector is made up of over 1.5 million not-for-profit and non-governmental organizations in the U.S. that focus on human services, health, education, the arts and culture, and other issues. And many of the millions of for-profit businesses in the U.S. perform important work for government (under contracts) or need experts in public affairs to manage their complex relations with government.

Careers in government or nonprofit organizations can be in or be related to the following service or interest areas and more:

- Administration / Management / Leadership of Public Organizations
- · Arts and Culture
- · Budgeting and Financial Management
- Community and Economic Development
- Education
- Emergency Management / Disaster Response / National Security
- · Environmental Policy and Management
- Government Administration / Management / Leadership
- Healthcare Administration / Health Policy and Management
- Human Resources
- · Information and Technology Management
- International Global Policy and Administration
- Law Enforcement / Public Safety
- Nonprofit Management
- Philanthropy
- Public Policy Analysis / Public Policy
- Public Works
- Social and Community Services
- Urban Policy

#### **CAREER SUCCESS**

Earning a degree in public administration from Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) prepares you for management and leadership roles across a wide range of careers spanning all levels of government (federal, state, and local), the nonprofit sector, international organizations, academia, and the private sector.

As a highly ranked school dedicated to public service, Rutgers SPAA provides our diverse student body with a high-quality education, produces high-level scholarship, and serves our community in a thoughtful and fulfilling manner, fostering public understanding of societal issues and stimulating action for positive and ethical change. Learn more about careers at <a href="http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/careers">http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/careers</a>.

#### **HOW SPAA ALUMNI SERVE**

SPAA alumni hold positions in education, government, nonprofits, public safety, and more. Read about what some of our alumni have done with their degrees from SPAA at <a href="http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/alumnistories">http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/alumnistories</a>.

## Where you can find SPAA alumni:

- ASPIRA Inc., of New Jersey
- · Borough of Prospect Park, NJ
- · Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey
- NIIFEE
- New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development
- Newark City Council
- Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc.
- · Newark Housing Authority
- Office of Congressman Donald Payne Jr.
- Port Authority of New York/New Jersey
- Prudential
- Rutgers University
- The City University of New York (CUNY)
- U.S. Department of State

# **Public Sector Positions**

Positions of administrators in the public sector – in government or nonprofit organizations – can include:

- Budget Analyst
- · Business Administrator
- · Chief Executive / Operating Officer
- City / Town Manager

- · Community Engagement Director
- County Executive
- Government Relations Specialist
- · Grant Writer

- · Managing Director
- · Policy Analyst
- · Public Affairs Director
- Strategic Planning Director

#### Compensation

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook (<a href="http://www.bls.gov/ooh">http://www.bls.gov/ooh</a>), individuals with these job titles can expect the following in compensation:

Job Title	Low	Median	High
Compliance Officer	\$38,320	\$68,860	\$109,650
Education Administrator – Postsecondary	\$54,680	\$94,340	\$190,600
Emergency Management Director	\$40,460	\$74,420	\$141,130
Executive Director – Nonprofit	\$40,000	\$67,000	\$127,000
Human Resources Manager	\$66,870	\$113,300	\$201,380
Labor Relations Specialist	\$19,270	\$67,790	\$123,340
Legislative Aide	\$17,510	\$24,670	\$98,890
Medical and Health Services Manager	\$58,680	\$99,730	\$182,600
Social and Community Services Manager	\$40,720	\$65,320	\$111,150
Urban and Regional Planner	\$45,180	\$73,050	\$114,170

# **Rutgers SPAA: Where Service Meets Leadership**

The School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University–Newark offers a full complement of degrees from undergraduate to PhD as well as graduate and non-credit certificates focused on particular issues of public and nonprofit sector management and policy implementation. Learn more about how SPAA motivates students to choose careers in public service and administration through our innovative and comprehensive degree programs at <a href="http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/academics">http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/academics</a>.

Rutgers SPAA is consistently ranked as a top school for public management and leadership by *U.S. News & World Report* and accredited by NASPAA – the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration.



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