



Rutgers SPAA

Master of Public Administration (MPA)

The MPA at Rutgers SPAA provides the cutting-edge knowledge and professional skills needed for successful careers in all levels of government, the nonprofit sector, and international organizations.

The curriculum is designed to prepare students to address complex challenges in public sector management. Students become highly competent in leadership and management, the policy process, evidence-based decision-making, public service values, and interacting with a diverse workforce and society.

Why the MPA Program at Rutgers SPAA?

- **Top-Ranked Program:** SPAA is consistently ranked as a top school in public and nonprofit management by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- **Customizable Track:** Choose a foundation in either public management or nonprofit management and enjoy the flexibility to shape your degree around your specialized interests and career goals.
- **Specialized Certifications:** Apply electives toward one or more certificates offered in Budgeting and Financial Management, Healthcare Administration, Leadership of Public Organizations, Nonprofit Management, and other areas of professional specialization.
- **Flexibility & Accessibility:** Start the program any time of year on a full- or part-time basis and quickly finish your degree (typically in two to three years) without sacrificing your career or personal commitments.
- **Applied Learning & Research Opportunities:** Students have the opportunity for hands-on learning and research through the projects-based Capstone course that demonstrates core competencies at the culmination of their graduate studies.
- **Experienced & Renowned Faculty:** Rutgers SPAA embodies excellence in research and practical proficiency through its distinguished faculty of accomplished scholars and practitioners who bring real-world expertise to the classroom.

Learn more about Rutgers SPAA's
Master of Public Administration:

<http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/mpa>

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MPA QUICK FACTS

Credits: 42

Track Options: Public Management or Nonprofit Management

Modality: On Campus or Online

Priority Application Deadlines:

Fall – July 1; Spring – December 1

Program Director:

Suzanne Piotrowski, PhD

EXECUTIVE MPA PROGRAM

Rutgers SPAA's Online Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA) is designed for working professionals, offering an accelerated format (30 online credits) that allows experienced students to finish their studies in two years.

<http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/empa>

ACCELERATED MPA PROGRAM

Rutgers SPAA's Accelerated MPA is a dual degree program designed for highly motivated students who want to build career options into their undergraduate curriculum and complete both a bachelor's and master's degree in five years.

<http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/ampa>

GRADUATE DUAL DEGREES

Students can earn an MPA along with other graduate degrees, such as a Juris Doctor or Master of Accountancy, completing the requirements for each at the same time.

<http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/masters>

MPA Coursework

MPA students complete seven (7) required core courses (21 credits), with the option to follow either a public management track or a nonprofit management track, six (6) elective courses (18 credits) that students can use to pursue their individual interests and career goals, and one (1) required capstone course that provides students with an opportunity to integrate their coursework with real-world issues and career ambitions.

CORE COURSES (21 credits)

- Principles of Public Administration & Democratic Governance (3)
- Human Resources Management (3)
- Ethical Challenges in Public Affairs (3)
- Economics for Public Administration (3)
- Data Analysis for Decision-Making (3)

Public Management Track:

- Managing Public Organizations (3)
- Government Budgeting (3)

Nonprofit Management Track:

- Principles of Nonprofit Leadership and Management (3)
- Nonprofit Budgeting and Financial Management (3)

CAPSTONE (3 credits)

- Capstone Project (3)

ELECTIVES / SPECIALIZATIONS

(for example, can include)

Budgeting and Financial Management:

- Government Budgeting (3)
- Government Revenue Theory and Administration (3)
- Public Financial Management (3)

Healthcare Administration:

- Health Systems and Policy (3)
- Healthcare Management (3)
- Healthcare Finance (3)

Leadership of Public Organizations:

- Collaborative Governance (3)
- Leadership and Diversity (3)
- Labor-Management Relations in the Public Sector (3)

Nonprofit Management:

- Principles of Nonprofit Leadership and Management (3)
- Nonprofit Budgeting and Financial Management (3)
- Grant Writing and Grants Management (3)

THE MPA PROGRAM AT RUTGERS-NEWARK

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at Rutgers University–Newark welcomed its first students in 1975, and now boasts more than 2,000 proud graduates. Each semester, more than 250 students are enrolled in the MPA program at Rutgers SPAA, and the school has administrative and policy control over the program.

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 <http://spaa.newark.rutgers.edu/academics>.

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.

**U.S. News
& World Report**

Highly Ranked



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