

Master of Public Administration (MPA) Cohort Program

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the name of the degree?** Master of Public Administration (MPA). The mission of the Master of Public Administration program is to prepare students to serve effectively as citizens and as professional managers in the administrative branches of American governments (federal, state, and local).
- **Where will the program/classes be held?** South Suburban University Center
16333 S. Kilbourn, Oak Forest, IL
- **When will classes be held?** Ten classes will be delivered one night a week and three classes will be delivered in an online format (includes one prerequisite).
- **How long will it take to complete the degree program?** Using a model of delivery similar to one that is currently being offered to cohorts, it would take seven semesters to complete the degree (includes one prerequisite).
- **What is the estimated tuition and fees?** Off-campus, graduate tuition for Academic Year 2008-2009 is \$225.00 per credit hour. Additional fees include: Technology Fee - \$10.00/credit hour; Strategic Academic Fee-\$11.00/credit hour; Extended Learning Fee-\$15.00/credit hour. Stated tuition and fees are subject to change and will probably increase for the 2009-2010 Academic Year.
- **How many credit hours does it take to earn the degree?** Degree requirements are 36 credit hours/12 courses. 9-12 preparatory courses may be required depending on student's previous academic accomplishments.
- **What are the university requirements for admission?** 1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited post-secondary institution; 2. Good standing at the last institution attended.
- **What are the college requirements for admission?** In addition to university admission requirements, applicants must submit the following documents as part of their application package:
 - Normally, applicants will be expected to have a 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. (on a 4.0 scale) in their last 60 credit hours;
 - Two confidential letters of recommendation from professional references (e.g. current or former college faculty member, current or former work supervisor, or community leader;
 - A one-page statement of intent should outline personal career goals and reasons for applying to the program. This statement should be specific and include information about short- and long-term goals and how

enrolling in the program may help achieve them. The statement of intent also offers applicants the opportunity to demonstrate writing and communication skills, specify examples of leadership, and provide pertinent information to help the committee select candidates who can benefit from and contribute to the program; and

- A current resume.

- **How do I get admitted to the program?**

STEP 1:

Fill out the Graduate Application

STEP 2:

Send the Graduate Application, an official undergraduate transcript showing successful completion of a bachelor's degree, and the \$50 application fee to:

Office of Admission
Governors State University
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60466

STEP 3:

Complete the supplemental application materials required by the College. These materials consist of the following:

- a. Two confidential letters of recommendation from professional references (e. g. current or former college faculty member, current or former work supervisor, community leader)
- b. A one-page statement of intent outlining personal career goals and reasons for applying to the program. This statement should be specific and include information about short- and long-term goals and how enrolling in the program may help achieve them.
- c. A current resume

STEP 4:

Have all supplemental materials sent to:

CBPA Graduate Admission Committee
Advising Office, Room G281
Governors State University
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60466