**Program Overview**

The Evergreen State College Master of Public Administration (MPA) program offers a professional education designed to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of a career in public management or in related public and private firms. Advocate powerfully on behalf of the public, imagine new possibilities, and accomplish positive change in your workplace and in your community with a degree in public service. The courses offered at the MPA Tacoma location are designed to develop the knowledge, insights and abilities to enter or advance your career in public service.

**Unique Features of the MPA Program**

* Evergreen is a bargain for state residents. Our MPA program is one of the most affordable programs available with tuition and fees at two-thirds or less of the cost of our Northwest competitors.
* The option to complete the entire MPA degree or take courses at the Olympia campus.
* You can enroll full-time and complete the program in two years, or choose to attend part-time and get your MPA in as little as three years.
* MPA program features collaborative and interdisciplinary programs, narrative evaluations, and a focus on experiential learning.
* An extensive alumni network with \_\_\_\_\_ graduates.
* An \_\_-year history of leadership in professional and academic fields.

**Target Audience**

* The Tacoma MPA program is geared toward mid-career working professionals who are seeking graduate degrees or raise, or who are seeking cross-training to advance in the current fields, or who are seeking graduate degree to move into new fields.
* The MPA program is also open for pre-career students (recent graduates seeking professional degree before entering the workforce).
* Students range in age from 22-60, have a variety of undergraduate majors, and work in a variety of different settings in Washington and beyond. Most students work full-time and take \_\_\_\_\_ per quarter. Many also balance family and community commitments in addition to work and school.

### Entrance Requirements

Students who have not been admitted to the MPA program may register for open MPA electives or be added to the wait list for full MPA electives with instructor permission, beginning September 18, 2017.

Non-admitted students who already have a bachelor's degree may take MPA electives for graduate credit. If you decide to apply to our program, up to 12 credits total taken before the Fall of admission will count toward your MPA.

1. For classes at the Tacoma location, priority will be given to students living or working in Pierce County. **Non-Admitted Graduate Students**: print, complete and submit the **Special Student Registration Form (PDF)** to the **Evergreen Registration Office**. (Address fax registration “Attn: Elaine.”) After receiving the permission information and registration form, Registration will email you to let you know whether you may register.

### How to Apply :

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**Program Areas:**

The MPA program offers three areas of concentration so you can tailor the degree to meet your needs while exploring critical materials for public service. Students are able to specialize in one of three concentrations that match your goals and career.

* **Tribal Governance**
* **Public & Nonprofit Administration**
* **Public Policy**

Explore the [MPA core program and concentrations](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/program).