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**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 service or in related nonprofit and business organizations.

We are excited to offer a new opportunity for students in Tacoma to 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 administration. Beginning Fall 2018, students will have access to MPA electives at the Tacoma location. Then, Fall 2019 we look forward to having our first Public & Nonprofit Administration and Public Policy cohort. The Tribal Governance Concentration is only available at the Olympia campus. These courses are designed to develop the knowledge, insights, and abilities to enter or advance your career in public service.

Learn more about the [Evergreen MPA’s Core & Elective programs](http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/program).

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* **Public Health Policy:** Combine practical skills development with theory and case studies, to equip students to take leadership positions in health policy and health care management.
* **Nonprofit Theory and Practice:** Examines the unique elements of nonprofit organizations and learn to manage people and build effective programs.
* **Public Finance:** Explores the role of government in the economy, applying tools of basic microeconomics to answer important policy questions.

### How to Apply :

### Students interested in applying for Tacoma electives can apply as a special student in Summer 2018. More information to follow.

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### Public Health Policy

Public health protects the health of people and communities by promoting healthy lifestyles, preventing injuries, and identifying solutions to detect and prevent disease. During this weekend intensive seminar we will examine public health policy development, implementation, and evaluation. This course will provide an overview of the public health system and essential services.

### Nonprofit Theory & Practice

Interest in nonprofit sector organizations has intensified as their importance and distinctiveness receives recognition as a unique area of study and practice. In this course students will address many of the issues impacting the development and management of nonprofit organizations, combining substantive readings on issues affecting nonprofit organizations with case exercises and activities. Also, students will have the opportunity to interact with a nonprofit organization to gain experience applying these concepts and skills.

### Public Finance

Public Finance will review finance and fiscal policy challenges facing federal, state, and local governments. We will examine issues central to public expenditure programs, and taxation policies. Students will seek practical solutions to planning, implementation, and reporting problems in public finance. The course will discuss budgetary formation, deliberation, adoption, implementation and execution. Further, each aspect of finance policy will be examined in order to understand the process, functions, and history of public budgeting reform. The course will discuss revenue policy, the spending of public resources, dynamics of changing budget processes, and issues associated with balancing budgets. Students – in the role of citizens, administrators, and public officials – shall engage public finance policy issues of concern to them in pursuit of fairness.

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**Unique Features of the MPA Program in Tacoma**

* 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. Is this true?
* 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.
* A history of leadership in professional and academic fields for over 37 years.

**Target Audience**

* The Tacoma MPA program is geared toward mid-career working professionals who are seeking a graduate degree, to advance in the current fields, or 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 in the MPA Program range in age from 22-70, have a variety of undergraduate majors, and work in a variety of different settings in Washington and beyond.

**Entrance Requirements for Non-admitted students**

Each quarter, 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 beginning one week before classes start. .

Non-admitted students who already have a bachelor's degree may take MPA electives for graduate credit. If you decide to apply and are accepted into the MPA Program up to 12 credits total taken before the fall of admission will count toward your MPA.

For classes at the Evergreen Tacoma site, 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.