GRADUATE STUDIES
Master of Public Administration Program

CALLED TO SERVE AND LEAD
YOU CARE DEEPLY ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE.
SO DO WE.

For more than 30 years, the Villanova Master of Public Administration (MPA) program has prepared students to become ethical, creative, inclusive and intelligent leaders in public service through an innovative and practical curriculum, engaged faculty, community partnerships and a vibrant alumni network.

GRADUATES OF OUR PROGRAM ARE CALLED TO SERVE AND LEAD THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

- **A CURIOUS MIND**—through engagement with an interdisciplinary curriculum, as well as with students of diverse backgrounds and experiences.

- **AN INSPIRING CHARACTER**—through attention paid to ethical leadership in the spirit of St. Augustine.

- **A GENEROUS SPIRIT**—through interactions with alumni and community initiatives.

Fully accredited by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), the Villanova MPA program is as convenient as it is affordable.

PURSUE THE MPA YOUR WAY

Given the broad range of career options in the field of public service, Villanova's MPA is designed to be pursued your way.

**CURRICULUM:**

Our MPA curriculum includes six required courses dealing with public administration theory, organization theory, financial management, human capital management, leadership ethics and applied data analysis. Our wide variety of electives include three-credit courses as well as one-credit workshops. Elective courses reflect trends in the study of public administration as well as faculty expertise and interests. Workshops are taught by practitioners in areas such as local government, law enforcement and nonprofit management.

**WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:**

- How to develop an organizational change plan
- How to write a professional memo
- How to analyze an organization’s budget and overall financial health
- How to analyze data
- How to work collaboratively
- And much more!

FRANK LARKIN ’86 MPA
FORMER SERGEANT AT ARMS,
US SENATE

“Villanova helped to open my eyes to other perspectives and skills that enabled me to build and mature as I progressed in my professional career.”
CERTIFICATES:
• Enhance your MPA degree with a Certificate in City Management or Nonprofit Management! Our Certificate programs allow students to specialize in their area of interest by tailoring their elective course curriculum. Should you decide to pursue one of our Certificate programs, you are not required to take additional courses outside of the required MPA degree curriculum.
• Additionally, we offer standalone Certificate programs in Public Administration, Nonprofit Management and City Management.

AFFORDABILITY:
• Villanova’s MPA degree is affordable. Tuition is competitively priced at rates comparable to public institutions. Additionally, Villanova offers many options to help finance your studies.

CONVENIENCE:
• Designed with the working professional in mind, all three-credit courses are offered in the evening, with one-credit elective workshops offered on weekends.
• All degree and certificate programs are offered on campus or online.
• In addition, we accept applications on a rolling basis for spring, summer and fall terms.

ENGAGED FACULTY
Our MPA faculty boast a wide range of scholarly interests and offer interdisciplinary and applied approaches to public administration.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING:
Faculty are actively engaged in research, publishing in the discipline's top journals and university presses. They have established networks with nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Our faculty also have extensive experience in university administration, government management and the nonprofit sector. Students have the opportunity to pursue independent research under the advisement and mentoring of our faculty. Most important, our faculty are deeply committed to teaching and advising.

PRACTITIONERS:
Learn from leaders in the field. Our cohort of part-time faculty enhance our program by bringing their unique set of skills, experiences, and expertise to the classroom. Their professional networks introduce our students to potential internship, fellowship and employment opportunities.

KATIE MOYER ’16 MPA PROGRAM SPECIALIST, NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM, SMITHSONIAN
“Every class at Villanova had something I was able to immediately apply in my job. It didn’t matter if the class was communications, organization theory or strategic thinking.”
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:
The MPA program has a strong internship program for students without prior management experience in the field. Previous placements have included townships and boroughs in the Greater Philadelphia region, the Pennsylvania Ballet, SAP, the City of Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services, Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia and the American Cancer Society. Some courses in our program also provide opportunities for community partnerships. MPA students have worked in teams on projects for organizations such as:

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VIBRANT ALUMNI NETWORK

Our MPA alumni are well prepared to respond to the increasing need for collaboration across the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Alumni have enjoyed successful careers in federal, state and local government, the nonprofit sector, as well as in the private sector. Our alumni continue to support our students by serving on our Advisory Board, participating in professional development efforts and informing our program of trends and opportunities in public service.

FELICIA DENMAN ’14 MPA, PROGRAM MANAGER, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, HUD DC FIELD OFFICE
FORMER SENIOR AIRMAN, US AIR FORCE

“The Villanova MPA program impressed me because they were very supportive of former military veterans. My class was very diverse and the administration of in the department was very helpful... They were always very attentive very responsive and I didn’t get that from a lot of other schools.”
LEARN MORE
Get more information, schedule a visit, sign up for a virtual information session or apply!
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MPA Your Way. Pursue your passion for public service your way through convenient class times, online or on campus, affordable tuition rates, and a curriculum tailored to your professional interests.

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