

Graduate Department of Public Policy and Administration

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY - CAMDEN

Camden, New Jersey



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

University Overview

Graduate study at Rutgers University-Camden combines the learning and research advantages of a major 48,000-student state university with the more personalized treatment of a smaller campus with 3,600 undergraduate and 1,200 graduate students. The 25-acre, tree-lined Camden campus is ten minutes from Philadelphia, one hour from the Jersey Shore, and about two hours from both New York and Washington, DC. The surrounding Delaware Valley region contains numerous possibilities for internships and employment in the many local, county, state, regional, and federal government agencies located here.

Graduate Program Overview

The Rutgers-Camden Master of Public Administration program started in 1978 and is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The MPA program has three specialized concentrations. The Public Management track prepares professionals for careers in local, state, regional, or federal government or nonprofit organizations. The Health Care Management and Policy track is a joint program with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and prepares health professionals with the managerial and policy knowledge and skills to succeed in the fast-changing health sector. The International Development Policy and Administration track prepares students for overseas assignments with the Peace Corps and other international organizations.

Requirements for the MPA degree consist of 42 credits (14 courses), completion of a Core Exam on the seven core courses, and completion of a 3 credit Directed Study. An Internship (3 credits) is required for those without policy or administrative experience. The number of electives varies by concentration.

The Graduate Department of Public Policy and Administration also offers a JD-MPA in cooperation with the Rutgers-Camden School of Law, and a DO-MPA in cooperation with the University of Medicine and the Dentistry's School of Osteopathic Medicine. In addition, a reciprocity agreement with the MBA program allows students to take MBA courses, and a five-year BA/MPA with the undergraduate Department of Political Science.

Degrees Offered

MPA
JD/MPA
DO/MPA

Tracks or Specializations

Public Management
Health Care Management and Policy
International Development Policy and Administration
Non-Profit/Non-Government management and development
Community development
International municipal management

Admissions

Admission to the program is competitive and requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited school, completion of the Graduate Record Examination, Graduate Management Admissions Test, Law School Admission Test, or other acceptable examination, three letters of reference, a personal statement of personal and professional goals. Three prerequisite courses students are expected to complete before taking MPA courses include American government, introductory economics, and statistics.

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