

THE MASTER OF

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Clark University Master of Public Administration (MPA) program is designed to strengthen and advance the managerial and analytical skills of mid-career executives in both public organizations and nonprofit institutions.

The MPA Program develops administrators who can effectively address the varied managerial, economic and political aspects of public issues and programs.



Alice E. Smith



I encourage students to “think big” about the kind of public or nonprofit career they envision for themselves, and then work with us to make those goals a reality.

Alice E. Smith, Ph.D.
Director of the MPA Program

MPA PROGRAM

- Five concentrations available
- MPA graduates provide mentoring and networking opportunities
- Optional Graduate Certificate in Human Services Management
- Accelerated Bachelor/MPA degree program available

CONCENTRATIONS

There are five concentrations currently available in the MPA program:

- > Managing State and Local Government
- > Nonprofit Management
- > Health Systems
- > Human Services Management
- > Intercultural Management

MPA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

All MPA students must successfully complete a total of 12 graduate courses: seven core courses, and five electives.

Electives may be selected from courses offered in the MPA program, or from other relevant graduate courses offered by COPACE.

IT'S YOUR FUTURE

Call Clark today at **508-793-7217** to learn more about our part-time graduate programs, or visit us at **www.clarku.edu/copace**.





I take a very practical approach to the field of study that provides a solid foundation for professional managers and is very different from the student's previous educational experiences.

Daniel J. Morgado, M.P.A.
MPA Faculty and Town Manager, Shrewsbury, MA

CORE COURSES

MPA3400 Policy Analysis

MPA3100 Issues and Cases in Public Administration

MPA3080 Management Information Systems and Technology

MPA3120 Organizational Behavior and Leadership

MPA3620 Public Budgeting and Accounting, or

MPA3400 Finance & Accounting for the Nonfinancial Manager

MPA3900 Research Methods and Strategies

MPA3999 Capstone Practicum

Students who enter the program with less than three years of professional experience are encouraged to participate in a professional internship, and to attend the Internship Seminar (MPA3940).

REAL-WORLD APPLICATION

Clark MPA graduates have assumed management and leadership roles in a variety of settings, including town/city government, state agencies and legislature, nonprofit organizations, health and human services agencies and educational institutions.

These alumni provide invaluable mentoring and networking opportunities to current MPA students.



I would strongly recommend this program to anyone wishing to further their nonprofit career, who values a creative environment where ideas are debated and future leaders are cultivated.

Kevin Salera, MPA Student



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