UNCW Masters of Public Administration

What’s in it for you?
The mission of the MPA program is to advance effective public governance in southeastern North Carolina and beyond through the education of future leaders, relevant research, and a commitment to service that strengthens communities.
Opportunities Yielded by the MPA

The Masters of Public Administration (MPA) degree is the professional degree for students seeking a career in public service or nonprofit management. MPA programs develop the skills and techniques used by managers to implement policies, projects, and programs that resolve important problems within their organization and in society.
MPA Program Overview

- 2 year program
- Full/Part time Enrollment
- Afternoon & Evening Classes
- Online Courses
- Financial Support
- Tuition and Fees
- Flexible Internship Opportunities
- Supportive Peers and Alumni

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Advantages of the MPA

The MPA program offers critical skills courses for effective public and nonprofit policy and management.

- Flexible Curriculum and Concentrations
- Fully Prepares students for Career Goals
- Outstanding faculty with academic & professional experience
- Expanding online classroom opportunities
Masters of Public Administration
Concentrations

- Public Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Coastal Planning and Management
- Environmental Policy

- Public Policy Analysis
- Urban and Regional Policy and Planning
- Marine Policy
- Create your Own!
Careers of MPA’s

- 100% Post-Graduate Employment Rate (UNCW past 2 years)
- Local/State/Federal Employment
- Increase of ~$10,000 in income post graduate
- Continuous Leadership Opportunities
Source: NASPAA 2015 Alumni Survey
Job Responsibilities

Source: NASPAA 2015 Alumni Survey
Area of Focus

Source: NASPAA 2015 Alumni Survey

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Special Benefits for Military Members

- UNCW accepts Military Transfer Credits (MTC’s)
- Graduate school application fee is waived
- Military members stationed within NC at the time of application are eligible for in-state tuition rate.
UNCW MPA Faculty

Dr. Jennifer Biddle - Collaborative Governance & Coastal Sustainability, Collaborative Processes/outcomes

Dr. Christopher Prentice - Public Administration and Nonprofit Management

Dr. Kristen Kinzer - Urban Planning, Quantitative Research Methods, Geospatial Information Systems

Dr. John Brennan - Regional Economic Development, History of American Public Administration, Urban Policy and Planning

Dr. Mark Imperial - Collaboration, Institutional Analysis, Coastal Planning and Management, Watershed Governance

Dr. Jeffrey Brudney - Nonprofit Management, Public Service Delivery, Research Methods and Statistics, Volunteering and Volunteer Programs
Student Resources

- Financial Aid Councilor: Alton Johnson  johnson@uncw.edu
- Student Veteran Organization (SVO)/ Facebook
- Military Affairs Office
  - https://uncw.edu/military/
- Military Resource Lounge
- UNCW MPA
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