

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM?

MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ↓	MICHIGAN CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER PROGRAM ↓
Who Should Apply?	
Graduate students and professionals in the public sector.	Professionals in local, state, and federal government, elected officials, education professionals and non-profit agencies encouraged to apply
Eligibility	
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires a four-year undergraduate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals must have at least three years of work experience in the public sector OR have some graduate coursework in a related field <input type="checkbox"/> Entrance exams required, but students must apply to the University and be accepted as graduate students <input type="checkbox"/> Requires one essay detailed in application, two letters of recommendation, and a resume including professional experience and community service or professional activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Participants may be sponsored by an agency but they may also make the individual decision to apply for the program <input type="checkbox"/> No degree required and no prerequisites –All educational backgrounds and levels of experience welcome <input type="checkbox"/> No entrance exams required <input type="checkbox"/> Requires two short essays detailed in application and two letters of recommendation, one from a current supervisor/manager
Benefits	
Students enhance their skills and exposure to public management theory and practice and to public sector management. The MPA must be completed within ten consecutive years at most universities. Students are required to complete general core program courses and then four to seven courses with a Public Administration focus.	Participants who successfully complete the program receive a national certification that is recognized by most states and the federal government. Participants of all educational backgrounds become more highly skilled and effective leaders and managers who are better able to help their organization perform more effectively. Each subject in the CPM program is focused on Public Administration. More information about the extensive benefits of certification can be found at www.cpmconsortium.org and on the SVSU website www.svsu.edu/ocepd .
Course of Study	
The program offers in-depth knowledge in subject areas including finance, human relations management, administration and democracy, organizational theory and a selection of public administration elective area.	CPM is a nationally certified comprehensive management development program that provides overviews covering a wide range of subjects. The program develops and measures competencies in the field of public management. The focus is on applying theory to practical problems and developing skills that will help participants succeed in their careers.
Cost	
Individuals pay the graduate student tuition currently set per credit hour plus additional fees. We do not discourage students from achieving their MPA we would like to promote the CPM program as a specialized enhancement to a MPA. It would be like a Financial Planner working for their CFP (Certified Financial Planner) which is also a national designation that signifies that specific competencies to Financial Planning have been achieved.	CPM participants pay for the entire year of courses. The cost is currently set at \$4995 which includes books and materials. <u>The CPM course is required to include 300 hours in the program which works out to be \$16.65 per credit hour.</u>