



PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

MASTER OF SCIENCE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The M.S. in Public Leadership is designed for those who have a passion for public service and who are inspired to generate new solutions to the real problems and social challenges that face our communities. You enter as students and the program prepares you to graduate as change agents who understand what public service is all about and who are equipped to address these unique issues. Blending research and practical experience with problem-solving strategies, you will develop the skill set to be effective in public, private and non-profit organizations.

We desire to work with students who are driven to serve the underserved and radically change, minimize or resolve specific social issues. Students will graduate ready to serve, ready to lead and ready to create lasting change.

CAREER OPTIONS

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| Budget/Fiscal Manager | Director |
| Program Director | Research Specialist |
| Operations Manager | Urban Planner |
| City Manager | Social Services |
| Public Affairs/Communications | |

DELIVERY MODE

Evening classes, Hybrid, Online, Face to Face

START TERMS

Fall, Spring, Summer

NUMBER OF CREDITS

36 Semester Hours

PROGRAM LENGTH

One and a half to 2 years

GRADUATE FACULTY

- James Agbodzakey, Ph.D.**
Professor of Public Leadership
- Jessica Lightbourne**
Ph.D., Asst. Professor of Public Leadership
- Janiece Upshaw**
Ph.D., Asst. Professor of Public Leadership

CONCENTRATIONS

- Administrative Leadership
- Emergency Services Administration
- Nonprofit and Community Leadership
- Public Health Leadership

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

36 CREDIT HOURS

CORE COURSES • 24 HOURS

- PLDR 5320** – Public Service and Society
- PLDR 5300** – Data Analytics and Research Methods I
- PLDR 5030** – Managing Human Resources
- PLDR 5400** – Managing Financial Resources
- PLDR 5330** – Organization Theory and Managing Change in Public Service
- PLDR 5353** – Leadership In A Complex World
- PLDR 5370** – Strategic Planning in Public & Nonprofit Organizations
- PLDR 5390*** – Professional Practice for Public Managers (Capstone)
**Must be taken in final semester.*

CONCENTRATION AND ELECTIVE COURSES • 12 HOURS

Each course is 3 credit hours unless otherwise noted. To earn a concentration, select 12 credits under one concentration area.

EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION

- EMSA 5300** – Emergency Preparedness and Planning
- EMSA 5310** – Emergency Preparedness and Geographic Info Systems
- PLDR 5350** – Performance Measurement and Management
- PLDR 5550** – Program Evaluation in Public Leadership
- PLDR 5380** – Economics of Disasters & Hazards

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

- PLDR 5340** – Intergovernmental Relations and Management
- PLDR 5354** – Public Private Partnerships
- PLDR 5020** – Leading and Managing Public Organizations
- PLDR 5550** – Program Evaluation in Public Leadership
- PLDR 5350** – Performance Measurement and Management
- PLDR 5380** – Economics of Disasters & Hazards
- PLDR 5335** – Leadership in the Administrative State

PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

- PLDR 5350** – Performance Measurement and Management
- PLDR 5360** – Public Health Leadership
- PLDR 5365** – Healthcare Administration
- PLDR 5550** – Program Evaluation in Public Leadership
- PLDR 5380** – Economics of Disasters & Hazards

NONPROFIT AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

- PLDR 5335** – Nonprofit Management
- PLDR 5550** – Program Evaluation in Public Leadership
- PLDR 5375** – Citizen Engagement, Advocacy, and Community
- PLDR 5325** – Fundraising Principles and Grant Writing
- PLDR 5350** – Performance Measurement and Management
- PLDR 5380** – Economics of Disasters & Hazards
- PLDR 5354** – Public Private Partnerships

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply at applytexas.org
- Pay \$50 application fee
- Request official transcripts

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Program Application
- Essay
- 2 Letters of Recommendation

TUITION AND FEES

COST PER CREDIT HOUR	\$376.31
6 CREDIT HOURS	\$2,132.86
9 CREDIT HOURS	\$3,186.79

Tuition and fees are subject to changes. For more information visit: untDallas.edu/sbs/tuition-and-fees

Ready to get started?

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