



# California County Executives MPA Cohort Fact Sheet

## Special California county program

The Department of Public Administration of California State University, San Bernardino announces a Master of Public Administration (MPA) be delivered to California County executives and managers starting Fall 2019. The 12-course program will run from Fall 2019 through December 2021, providing two classes a term, one class in the two summers and a Comprehensive Exam in Fall 2021. Graduation will be December 2021. The program includes two residential meetings. The initial meeting in Sacramento and one at the end of the program on the California State University, San Bernardino campus. The final degree will be an MPA with a Leadership Concentration.

This special MPA cohort program is a practical, leadership-oriented program that ensures that participants have all the foundational skills that managers and executives need in order to be well-rounded and successful in today's county systems. The degree program is nationally accredited, and the faculty are nationally prominent instructor-scholars. The cohort director, who will teach several of the classes, is a nationally preeminent scholar in public sector leadership. The Public Administration at CSUSB is becoming nationally known as a leader in high quality online teaching (many of the faculty have had their online courses externally certified) and the scholarship of online teaching. The program is designed to maximize flexibility, being largely asynchronous online learning in handy weekly modules (with weekly feedback), but will also include real-time videoconferencing. This substantially enhances the quality of interactions as well as student comfort in an online environment. All classes will feature county-level examples and exercises based on best-practices by counties in California and the United States.

## Admission Qualifications

To apply for this program, students must have:

- a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- a GPA of at least 3.0 in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester hours of post-secondary studies OR Program Director approval
- Experience in administrative leadership in County Government in California

## Cohort size

The planned cohort size is 30 students. [If fewer than 30 participate, the cohort will run, but some, non-cohort students may join the classes.]



## Application deadline

The deadline for all documents to be received by the CSUSB Graduate Admissions office is **August 1, 2019**.

## Student application process

The application process includes:

- an online application and the application fee of \$55
- completion of a short essay on professional goals, which is embedded in the application – The statement should begin with the title California Counties Cohort
- submission of all transcripts from postsecondary institutions.

## Cost

Tuition and fees are based on the California State University, San Bernardino tuition schedule and charges are assessed per term. The total cost of the degree is approximately \$24,000 over two and a half years, plus costs for books and travel.

## Books

Book costs generally range from \$100 to \$150 per course. All books can easily be purchased online.

## Travel

Students will pay costs for travel to the beginning session in Sacramento and the final meeting in San Bernardino.

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## Class delivery

Courses will be taught entirely online. Approximately three meetings per course will have a real time videoconference portion so that students can interact with the instructor and other students (e.g., discuss the syllabus and expectations in real time). The program also includes three one-day, face-to-face sessions:

- An initial class session on Saturday, September 21 in Sacramento.
- A comprehensive exam taken “in person” after all classes have been taken.
- A program concluding session along with graduation in San Bernardino.

## Schedule

The tentative course of study follows.

Quarter	Class	Comments
Fall 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA 501 Administrative Leadership</li> <li>• PA 611 Theory and Practice</li> </ul>	Opening Class Session will be held in Sacramento at CASC offices.
Winter 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA 603 Research Methods</li> <li>• PA 664 Management of Public Organizations</li> </ul>	
Spring 2020	PA 663 Budgeting PA 662 Human Resource Management	
Summer 2020	PA 619 Managing Diversity in Organizations	
Fall 2020 Semester	PA 615 Public Financial Management PA 672 Administrative Regulation	The calendar and class schedule changes from quarter (10 week 4 unit classes) to semester (15 week 3 unit classes).
Spring 2021 Semester	PA 6500 Government in the Digital Age PA 6800 Policy Analysis	
Summer 2021	PA 6550 Strategic Planning for Governments	
Fall 2021	Comprehensive Exam	Taken about the 3rd week in the semester. Location TBA
December 2021	Graduation	Mid December- San Bernardino campus

## Additional information

The CSUSB Department of Public Administration is accredited by the international Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) and is one of the top programs in the California State University System.

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