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MPA program graduates should have the ability to:

- Lead and manage in public governance
- Participate in and contribute to the policy process
- Analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions
- Articulate and apply a public service perspective
- Communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry

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The Master of Public Administration offers four concentrations to choose from: Leadership; Public Financial Management; Cybersecurity; and; Nonprofit Management.

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The leadership concentration provides well-rounded instruction to support careers of managers and executives in public service sectors. Managing any public organization is a challenge with calls for efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and due process. Mentored by our highly regarded faculty, students become leaders who have a thorough understanding of day-to-day management and the knowledge needed to guide their agencies into the future.

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