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## JACK H. BROWN COLLEGE BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



### MPA: CA County Cohort Program

## Public Administration

### Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration

#### Program Length

36 semester units

#### Full time Faculty

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The Master of Public Administration program at CSUSB is proud to be nationally accredited by NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration. The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is designed to prepare students for a career in administration in the public sector. The major objective is to provide the student with a generalist perspective of public administration systems and a capacity for excelling in management and executive positions. This degree is intended for graduate students and career employees seeking to develop and strengthen academic and professional skills for admission and advancement in the professional practice of public administration.

#### 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

#### All Courses Available Online

In order to meet the needs of working professionals, we will offer a Cohort program that offers two courses per week, with a blend of synchronous Canvas/Zoom live sessions (held weeknights at 7pm and asynchronous sections that do not have a set class time.





Robert Stokes  
Department Chair

With support from San Bernardino County, and the California Association of Counties, the CSUSB California County MPA Cohort program has successfully educated four independent cohorts.

With a departmental mission of educating and improving the knowledge, skills and professional advancement opportunities of public service professionals both locally, and throughout the state of CA, the MPA program at CSUSB seeks to deliver a program that is affordable, rigorous, and accessible to working professionals.



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## Concentrations Available

The CSUSB MPA CA County Cohort Program offers two concentrations to choose from: Leadership and Public Financial Management. Students complete 7 core courses and 3 concentration courses. Two electives will be predetermined prior to program scheduling. Students are also required to pass the MPA comprehensive exam that is offered after classes are completed.

### Leadership

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, which include a blend of academic and public service practitioners leaders, students become leaders who have a thorough understanding of day-to-day management and the knowledge needed to guide their agencies into the future.

### Public Financial Management

The public financial management concentration supports development of applied and theoretical public financial expertise and prepares graduates to make strong organizational contributions focused on public financial management.

### CA County Cohort Program

This 2-year program is delivered over 6 semesters starting in the Fall term 2025 (August). Information sessions will be scheduled in the Spring of 2025 where the application process will be covered. Cohort students will work through the MPA together utilizing a pre-determined schedule with class sessions offered online via Canvas and Zoom. A portion of the program (up to half) may be offered in an asynchronous format to add flexibility for student schedules. MPA staff will register students for classes at the start of every semester.

Students may apply tuition reimbursement funds to pay for program (check the County's MOU or ordinance for reimbursement eligibility and amounts). Students may also qualify for regular CSUSB scholarships or aid, please check with <https://www.csusb.edu/student-financial-services>.

Students who have successfully completed a County MLA program may qualify for a one course (3 units) reduction in program requirements.

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