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Master of Public Administration Option in Public Works Administration

This instructional program was approved by the President on April 25, 1989 and the Chancellor on May 20, 1989.

Purpose

The Master of Public Administration Degree Option in Public Works Administration is designed to provide advanced knowledge to practitioners and pre-career students in the growing field of public works management. Coursework prepares students in general public administration and specialized public works management activities, including appropriate technical subjects such as air and water pollution, water supply, waste disposal and management, energy, housing, and transportation. Program emphasis is upon national issues with direct application to state and local government.

Admission

The general standards for admission are identical to those for the Master of Public Administration degree program. An applicant must demonstrate a background of related undergraduate coursework of twelve units or significant management and/or staff experience in public administration. For this degree option the experiential background would be targeted to the public works and infrastructure sector. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the last sixty (60) units of upper-division and graduate-level coursework is required for admission.

Requirements of the Master of Public Administration Option in Public Works Administration (code 7-9552)

1. Complete a minimum of 36 semester units in graduate coursework with a minimum of 24 units of 500/600 courses in public policy and administration with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher ;

2. Complete the following courses: PPA 500, 510, 554 or C E 556, PPA 650, 660, 670, and 696;

3. Completion of an approved internship program (PPA 585) as required work beyond the 36 unit minimum, or waiver of the internship requirement based on professional experience;

4. Completion of 9 units of elective coursework selected from: PPA 515, 520, 522, 527, 530, 535, 540, 544, 545, 547, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555, 560, 565, 590; C E 504, 506, 520, 521, 522, 564, 565, 602;

5. Successful completion of a written Comprehensive Examination and PPA 697.