PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The M.S. in Public Leadership is designed for those who have a passion for public service and 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 skills set to be effective in public, private, and non-profit organizations. Beyond the core courses, you are encouraged to dig deeper into your area of interest by selecting one of the following concentrations: Public Management, Organizational Leadership, General Government, Public Finance Leadership, or Law Enforcement Leadership. 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
Budget/Fiscal Manager
Program Director
Operations Manager
City Manager
Public Affairs/Communications Director
Research Specialist
Urban Planner
Social Services

GRADUATE FACULTY
JanieceUpshaw, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Public Leadership
Jessica Lightbourne, PhD., Assistant Professor of Public Leadership
James Agbodzakey, PhD., Professor of Public Leadership

DELIVERY MODE
Saturday classes, hybrid, online coursework.

CONCENTRATION OPTIONS
Organizational Leadership
Law Enforcement Leadership
Nonprofit and Community Leadership
Administrative Leadership
CURRICULUM

Core Courses (15 hours)
PLDR 5320 - Public Service and Society
PADM 5030 - Managing Human Resources
PADM 5400 - Managing Financial Resources
PADM 5500 - Administrative Research Methods I
PADM 5510 - Administrative Research Methods II

Public Health Leadership Concentration (12 hours)
PLDR 5350 – PLDR Performance Measurement and Management
PLDR 5360 – Public Health Leadership
PLDR 5365 – Healthcare Administration
PADM 5550 - Seminar in Program Evaluation

Emergency Services Concentration (9 hours)
EMSA 5300 - Emergency Preparedness and Planning
EMSA 5310 - Emergency Preparedness and Geographic Info Systems
PLDR 5350 - PLDR Performance Measurement and Management
PADM 5550 - Seminar in Program Evaluation

Nonprofit and Community Leadership Concentration (12 hours)
PLDR 5355 - Nonprofit Leadership and Management
PADM 5550 - Program Evaluation
PADM 5900 - Citizen Engagement, Advocacy, and Community
PLDR 5325 - Fundraising Principles and Grant Writing
PLDR 5355 - Performance Measurement and Management

Administrative Leadership Concentration (12 hours)
PLDR 5355 - Leadership in the Administrative State
PLDR 5340 - Intergovernmental Relations and Management
PADM 5550 - Seminar in Program Evaluation
PLDR 5350 - Performance Measurement and Management

Capstone
PLDR 5390 - Professional Practice for Public Managers

ADMISSION CRITERIA

• Application + $50 non-refundable application fee
• Official sealed transcripts verifying a minimum undergraduate overall 2.8 GPA with 3.0 GPA for last 60 credit hours
Submit to:
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PUBLIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DOCUMENTS
• One Page Essay
• Two Recommendation Forms

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