

Graduate Certificate in Public Management Emphasis in Local Government



We are ready to help you take your career in local government to the next level. Bring your experience as a manager in local government organizations to NIU and earn your GCPM – the first step towards your Master’s degree in Public Administration, which ranks No. 4 in the country in teaching local government management, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Flexibility

- Earn your Graduate Certificate in one year by taking five online classes.
- Executive eight-week format that starts in mid-August and mid-January.
- Credits apply toward the Master of Public Administration degree (MPA).
- Students complete course work independently on their own schedule; perfect for employees working a variety of shifts.
- Faculty committed to quick response time to student inquiries.

Value

- All courses specialize in local government.
- Strong alumni network.
- Excellent job placement.
- Affordable tuition rates.

A Trusted Name

- Bring the national reputation of a quality public administration program with you.
- Courses taught by tenured faculty members and seasoned local government professionals. Course discussions and assignments focus on local government issues and cases.

“The NIU online graduate certificate is preparing me for a successful career in local government with a rigorous curriculum and superior professors. Being engaged in my community is a high priority of mine and the flexibility of the online program allows me to be an active participant.”

*— Jennifer Thompson
Director of Marketing,
Public Relations and Tourism
City of Rochelle, Illinois*



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**Department of
Public Administration**

School of Public and Global Affairs

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

Degree Requirements

Our Online Graduate Certificate in Public Management with an Emphasis in Local Government is designed for mid-career managers who work in the public sector. This rigorous, professional program will give you what you need to be an effective, ethical leader in local government organizations. Our graduates hold management positions in areas such as public safety, public works, finance, budgeting, parks and recreation and housing.

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GCPM Online Course List

Credits required: **15**

Students take :

PSPA 600 Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration

and **two** of the following online core courses:

- PSPA 605 Organization Theory and Behavior
- PSPA 607 Public Service Performance I: Theory and Management
- PSPA 608 Public Service Performance II: Management and Data Analysis
- PSPA 609 Human Resources Management in Public Service Organizations
- PSPA 610 Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- PSPA 611 Public Revenue Analysis and Financial Management
- PSPA 612 Information Technology in Public Service Organizations

and **two** of these local government specialization courses:

- PSPA 630 Local and Metropolitan Government
- PSPA 632 Local Government Administration
- PSPA 635 Local Economic Development Policy
- PSPA 650 Leadership in Public Sector Organizations

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