

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (D.P.A.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Doctor of Public Administration program is to prepare students to become leaders and managers of public-sector and public-focused non-profit organizations, implementing public policy and delivering public services to constituents at all levels of government, or to become subject matter experts in the discipline of public administration, teaching and developing tools and methods for effective public sector administration and management.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate the theories within the fields of public administration.
- Construct innovative change proposals to policies that address public needs and problems.
- Synthesize a Christian model of statesmanship that incorporates a Biblical worldview in public administration.
- Conduct independent research that contributes to the public administration field.

Program Specific Admissions Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Doctor of Public Administration (D.P.A.) are as follows:

1. Earned Master's degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 24 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within seven (7) years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

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Career Opportunities

- Budget Analyst
- City Manager
- Elected Official
- Foundation Program Officer
- Legislative Aide

- Lobbyist Professor
- Lobbyist Teacher
- Management Consultant
- Nonprofit Leader
- Nonprofit Manager
- Policy Analyst
- Public Affairs Officer
- Public Agency Manager
- Research Scientist
- Sustainability Consultant
- Urban Planner