

Benchmarking of Executive MPA Programs

Admissions information was gathered on all of the programs that appeared on a *Google* search of “Executive MPA” programs.

School	Name	Qualifications	Notes
Rutgers University - Newark	Executive MPA	The typical applicant will have six years experience in public and/or nonprofit management.	<p>Since the program is geared to the formal education of potential government and nonprofit executives, we encourage nominations from high-level administrators.</p> <p>A bachelor's degree or its equivalent from a recognized institution of higher education is required. An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better is expected. Additional evidence of potential for graduate study is demonstrated by combined scores of 1000 on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). GRE requirements will be waived for Executive MPA applicants with substantial work experience, strong letters of recommendation, and other indicators of managerial strengths.</p>

Columbia University – SPIA	Executive MPA (The Executive Graduate Program in Public Policy and Administration)	The Executive MPA program is designed for individuals with significant professional achievements and substantial organizational responsibilities, including at least three years in a managerial position. It is expected that applicants will have at least five years of experience within their field before applying.	In order to assess these admissions criteria, the Admissions Committee reviews the following elements of a prospect's application: personal statement, resume, transcripts, and letters of appraisal, and it recommends but does not require either the Graduate Record Exam or the Graduate Management Admission Test. (Please refer to Application Checklist for more data about these requirements.)
Portland State	Executive MPA	Admissions criteria not on web site	Motto: "Preparing Leaders and Administrators for Tomorrow's Challenges"
University of Washington	Executive MPA	The program is designed for experienced leaders – directors, assistant directors, high-level technical staff, senior managers and advisors. Strong candidates are expected to have at least 10 years of varied professional experience and a baccalaureate degree. (GRE test scores are not required.) Successful candidates will be able to demonstrate their leadership potential through letters of recommendation, recognition of professional achievements, community service, and a personal essay.	Different format from regular MPA
University of Utah	Executive MPA	What's the difference between the Executive MPA and the Traditional MPA? The Executive MPA is designed for students with at least five years of middle-to-upper level management experience in public, nonprofit, or similar purpose organizations.	Standardized Entry Examination- Applicants must submit scores from a standardized graduate admission exam. The following are accepted: Graduate Record Admission (GRE) The Miller Analogies Test (MAT) Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) Law School Admission Test (LSAT)

Drake University	Executive MPA		<p>The basic requirements for admission to the Drake Executive MPA at the Quad Cities are the same as for the on-campus MPA program. Requirements include: 1) A completed application for admission including the \$25.00 application fee; 2) official transcripts from all colleges, universities, or community colleges you have attended; 3) two letters of recommendation; and; 4) and a current résumé. NOTE: <i>No entrance exam such as the GRE or GMAT is required for admission to the Drake Executive MPA.</i></p>
University of Colorado	Executive MPA	For selected senior- level professionals in the public and non-profit sectors.	<p>Selection will be on the basis of potential for academic success and on the applicant's level of managerial experience, as well as on their desire for and potential to profit from executive-level education and training. A baccalaureate degree is required.</p> <p>For students with limited executive experience or lower undergraduate GPAs, test scores on a standardized test such as the GRE, GMAT or LSAT are an excellent way to strengthen a candidate's application.</p>
CUNY – Baruch	Executive MPA	Candidates for the Executive MPA are expected to have management experience, including a minimum of three years supervising personnel, projects, or programs. Selection will be based on the applicant's academic and employment history, professional experience, and future promise.	Executive MPA is different format (Saturdays)

<p>Southern University System www.subr.edu</p>	<p>Executive MPA</p>	<p>To be eligible for this option, a student would have to be determined by the Department to have had at least seven years of supervisory or managerial experience or 12 years of professional experience. A student in this option must complete 18 hours of core courses, 12 hours of electives and 6 hours of research.</p>	<p>Executive MPA is 36 credits; regular MPA is 48</p>
<p>Marist</p>		<p>No Executive MPA</p>	<p><i>*Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 2.0 to 2.5 and <u>less than</u> 10 years work experience are required to achieve a total GRE score of 800 or higher on the verbal-quantitative sections of the GRE. Testing sites may be found at www.gre.org. NOTE: the Marist test reporting code is 2400.</i></p>
<p>American University</p>	<p>Key Executive MPA</p>	<p>Specific requirements not listed</p> <p>“For over twenty-seven years the Key Executive Program has been working to develop top flight leaders. Ninety-eight percent of our alumni indicate that Key has played a major role in fostering successful careers. Over 70% of our alumni have been promoted since leaving the program. The curriculum is challenging and highly relevant.”</p>	<p>Applicants must meet the minimum university requirements for graduate study. Admission is based on academic record, two letters of recommendation and an essay on career interests. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is desirable but not required for admission to the program. The GRE is required for full-time applicants who wish to be considered for a departmental honors award. Effective Jan. 2003, the GRE will be required for admission to the traditional MPP and MPA programs (waived for applicants with 8 years or more of related work experience).</p>