

Master of Public Administration Online

Make an impact as a collaborative, innovative leader that serves the public good across multiple sectors.

Develop your skills in USC's Sol Price of Public Policy online program designed for working professionals — top ranked for public affairs by *U.S. News & World Report*.



Format:
Online



Duration:
24 Months or Less



3
Certificate Options



1
Capstone

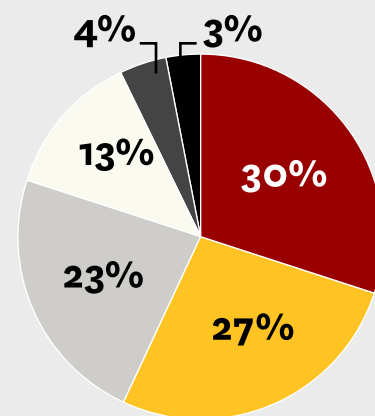


2
Residencies

Career Outcomes

In recent years, our graduates have gravitated to diverse career opportunities.

- » Board of directors member
- » City manager
- » Community relations manager
- » Emergency management coordinator
- » Executive director
- » Fire chief
- » Grants administrator
- » Intelligence officer
- » Lobbyist
- » Management analyst
- » Project specialist (U.S. Navy)
- » Postsecondary education administrator
- » Public affairs manager
- » Social and community services director



Breakdown by Industry

- Nonprofit domestic
- Private sector
- City/county/local government
- State/provincial/regional government
- Federal government
- International government/nongovernmental organization

Curriculum

The **MPA curriculum** focuses on two areas of managerial competency:

1. Institutions and organizations
2. Analytics

Within these areas, you will combine core classes with elective coursework to develop key skills relevant to your career goals. The skills and knowledge you develop through your online courses and experiential learning activities will help you effectively lead institutions and organizations — across public, nonprofit and business sectors — that ultimately serve the global public good.

You will be able to select electives that develop your professional expertise in specific areas. Also, you will have the option of pursuing one of three certificates: **Public Policy, City and County Management, or Nonprofit Management and Policy.**



Capstone and Residencies

At **USC Price**, we know that building hands-on skills and cultivating real-world connections are just as important as being able to attend courses online. To that end, our curriculum includes a capstone project at the end of the program and two in-person residencies.

Capstone:

In the culmination of your **MPA**, you will consult with a client to produce valuable research in a team of three to four students. The course connects you with senior decision-makers from local and state government, nonprofit organizations, criminal justice, federal agencies, private sector firms and key public sector service providers.

As a result, you get to enhance your consulting, advising and communication skills while developing new networks of professional contacts. The course ends with a report and briefing for your client, and the most outstanding project receives a **Haynes Award** for academic honor (and a cash prize).

Residencies:

Gain hands-on skills while you network with your peers, alumni and faculty in person. There are two in-person campus residencies — one at the beginning of the program and one at the end — that take place on **USC's campus** in Los Angeles. The Professional Residency serves as a valuable onboarding experience, and it includes seminars surrounding digital literacy, communications, research and more. Plus, you will get to meet alumni, faculty and your individual cohort coach. The **Capstone Residency** takes place the week before graduation, and features the capstone event, which encompasses presentations and the opportunity to network and solidify relationships with fellow students and alumni that you can leverage long after graduation.



Application Requirements

- » Resume
- » Official transcripts
- » Statement of purpose
- » Letters of recommendation
- » Application fee
- » International student requirements*

*Please refer to USC's Office of Graduate Admissions website for additional items required for international students to apply.



"A lot of other programs I've been in try to make you into one specific type of leader. This program allows you to choose what type of leader you want to be."

Trenton Jackson

USC MPA 2016 Graduate, Online Program

More Information

priceonline.usc.edu | enrollmentcoach@price.usc.edu | 877-699-2013