

# Public Administration

# Careers

A degree in public administration is a key to many possible career doors, such as not-for-profit organizations, public-sector programs, fundraising, consulting and planning. Public administration graduates are generalists who have education — and often experience — in a wide range of skills. They've learned about organizational leadership and management, human resources, budgeting, volunteer management, specific areas of law, fundraising, political systems and related areas.

Public administration education is similar to a business education. However, the focus of the courses (including human resources, budgeting and law) are focused on not-for-profit and public institutions rather than on for-profit organizations.

Public administrators plan or administer a vast array of projects, programs and agencies within the not-for-profit sector. Others work within local, state and national government agencies—again, with many different programs and in a wide number of capacities. Some public administration graduates specialize in the complicated structures and activities of fundraising.

Some work in the political arena, both in appointed and elected office. Ultimately, a number of public administration graduates become specialists in some field and become either consultants or trainers. Finally, public administration (if the graduate has advanced degrees) opens opportunities to teach a number of varied subjects in higher education.

## Job Outlook

Not-for-profit organizations are being established at a rapid rate. Despite efforts to shrink government at the federal, state and local level, all these units are steadily increasing in numbers of employees. With the constantly growing number of laws and judicial decisions that require very specific standards in a wide array of disciplines for not for profit and public organizations, the need for qualified employees continues to grow.

## Earnings

Graduates entering the not-for-profit world of work can expect initial earnings as high as \$40,000. Those going into the public sector might find salaries of \$30,000 to \$55,000.

Top-level public employees with experience and advanced degrees can earn more than \$100,000.

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## Educational Opportunities in Public Administration at LCCC

### *Associate of Applied Science in Public Administration*

The associate of applied science degree in public administration is for students who want to work in either the public sector or in a not-for-profit organization. It is also for students who are already working in the public sector (government, elected/appointed positions), non-profit organizations and other types of organizations or agencies.

The associate degree in public administration combines a unique combination of practical, useful and real-world, hands-on courses that will help the working students to develop additional skills and knowledge and validate their work experience with education.

Other students will be able to learn and develop new skills and gain practical experience along with others who bring examples and expertise to share.

The combination of courses specific to the degree program are introduction to public administration, organizational leadership, program and service planning and evaluation, public resource development (fundraising), human resource and volunteer management, budget and finance for community organizations, survey of legal concepts and practicum (field experience). Urban studies courses are introduction to urban studies, contemporary urban studies and urban spatial systems. These degree specific courses are taken along with general education courses that will provide students with a variety of experiences and opportunities designed to provide a solid education.

### *Certificate in Public Administration*

The certificate in public administration may be of interest to students who are working on or already have a degree in another field, and want preparation for a new work situation or upgrade skills and techniques.

The certificate combines public administration courses along with general education courses that will allow an individual to complete the certificate in two semesters, attending full time.

## Related Educational Opportunities through LCCC's University Partnership

### **Cleveland State University**

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies/Urban Services Administration*

Offered through the University Partnership at LCCC by Cleveland State University, this program provides a comprehensive study of the administration of service delivery, particularly in governmental and non-profit agencies. The curriculum contains issues and problems confronting contemporary urban society and the skills and knowledge needed to administer programs that address them. It focuses on the educational demands of those professionals currently working in the human-services field. The urban services administration portion of the program develops leadership in urban policy development and administrative skills in human services for these professionals, as well as prepares students for positions in related fields.

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Public Safety Management*

The bachelor of arts in public safety management degree is designed to:

- Equip public safety officials with additional management and communication skills to address the needs of their urban constituents;
- Allow for in-depth study of community safety needs and problems, as well as providing; analytical tools for addressing injustice for those living and working in urban settings;
- Provide access to faculty members with governmental and public management expertise;
- Prepare students for future career challenges in public safety services.

## About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of programs and services through the 2001 opening of the LCCC Learning Center in Lorain. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 800 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 30 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus to offering 30 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, as the slogan says, leads students into "real jobs and real futures." To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center or the LCCC Learning Center in Lorain for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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