

Public Administration

Careers

A degree in public administration is a key to many possible career doors, such as not-for-profit organizations, politics, government, public-sector programs, fundraising, event planning, 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 and grantsmanship, 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 government and public institutions rather than on for-profit organizations. However, many of our graduates enter business professions with the public administration degree.

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, event planning and community planning.

Internships which provide in depth, significant experience with a host organization, prepare students to immediately assume key responsibilities in the greater workforce.

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. A significant number of graduates go on to earn a law degree or a master's degree in public administration. 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. In the next ten years, more than half of current non profits will have people retiring who need to be replaced. 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 \$68,000.

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 the public sector in a not-for-profit organization or in business or academic setting. It is also for students who are already working in the public sector (government, elected/appointed positions), non-profit organizations, business and other types of organizations or public 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 internship. 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 who wishes to upgrade skills and techniques.

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

Related Educational Opportunities through LCCC's University Partnership

Cleveland State University

Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies

The bachelor of arts in urban studies curriculum takes full advantage of its location in a major urban setting in fulfilling its commitment to urban education, research, and community service. Students pursuing the bachelor of arts degree program take courses and seminars dealing directly with urban problems and their solutions. The program, offered through the University Partnership focuses on public administration, the study of leadership, management, public policy, budgeting and finance. The degree prepares students for career challenges in the public, private and non-profit sectors. It is also excellent preparation for further study, such as graduate school or law school.

Bachelor of Arts in Nonprofit Administration

The bachelor of arts in nonprofit administration degree is designed to:

- Equip human service personnel with additional management and communication skills to address the needs of urban human services and non-profit agencies;
- Prepare students to assume administrative or managerial roles in human services agencies that deal with welfare reform, work and training, substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence, and health and nutrition;
- Provide access to faculty members with expertise in public administration and non-profit management in an urban setting;
- Prepare students for future career challenges, including graduate work in a number of fields.

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 its programs and services through the opening of the Learning Center in Lorain, Brunswick and the Wellington Center. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 1300 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 offering 40 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, prepares students for real jobs and real futures. To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center, the Lorain Learning Center, the LCCC Learning Center in Wellington and in Brunswick for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.

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