

Public Administration Majors Complete Practicum/Internships in Real World Settings

Students spend a minimum of 125 hours of focused, practical hands on work in locations that are of interest to them. They may choose to complete their assignments in one of a variety of settings: public sector, nonprofit, education, business, politics and others. Students have completed practicum/internships with:



Practicum/Internship PBAD 285 and Service Learning

The practicum course is the capstone of the Public Administration Degree Program. Students generally take this during the last semester, prior to graduation. The Public Administration Practicum Manual is part of this review, however, the practicum requires students to spend a minimum of 125 hours working in a work setting similar to their interest: government, nonprofit agency, public institution, or another select site. Since the inception of the program, several practicum sites have been established. The first students were ready to enroll in the practicum course in the fall semester of 2005.

| Sample of Practicum/Internship Organizations/Institutions | Category |
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| NASA | Government Agency |
| Lorain County Emergency Management (3) | Homeland Security Management |
| Sacred Landmarks, Inc. (2) | Non Profit Management |
| Leadership Lorain | Management and Marketing |
| Congressman Sherrod Brown's Headquarters (2) | Management/Campaign Development |
| Senator Sherrod Brown | Project Management |
| City of Sheffield Lake | Management City Government |
| Cleveland Municipal Police Department | Management City Security Forces |
| Oberlin Early Childhood Center | Management Non Profit |
| Child Care Regional Resource Center (District - Six Counties) | Management Non Profit |
| City of Lakewood (Peer City Study) (2) | City Government |
| Congresswoman Betty Sutton's Headquarters | Management/Service Development |
| City of Medina | Management/Planning/Government |
| Lorain County Community College – Student Life | Management Student Life |
| Grassroots Leadership, Inc. (2) | Management Development |
| Huron County Community Action Council (2) | Program Development |
| LCCC Center for Teaching Excellence | Program Management/Development |
| Veteran's Administration | Patient Services Management |
| Kaiser Permanente | Accounts Supervision |
| Lorain County Family Planning Services Council | Project Management |
| GLIDE (Great Lakes Innovation & Development Enterprise) | Entrepreneur Management |
| BoysClub/Girls Club of Lorain County | Project Management |
| Cleveland Municipal Works | General Management |
| Mainstreet Elyria | Non Profit |
| Lorain County Auditor's Office | Government |
| The City of Vermilion | City Government Mayor's Projects |
| Bridgestreet Transition Center | Non Profit |
| Big Brother, Big Sister Lorain County | Management |
| Domestic Relations Court, Lorain County | Juvenile Court Monitor |

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| Lorain County Free Clinic | Systems Management |
| Medina County Community Action | Non profit |
| Huron County Department of Job and Family Services | Human Services |
| Veteran's Administration | Management |
| Cleveland Water Department | Management |
| Blessing House | Fund raising and management |



SERVICE LEARNING in Public Administration Courses

Students have opportunities for learning experiences through Service Learning by completing hours of service in approved community programs/services using specific guidelines established in each course description and within course learning outcomes.

| Established Service Learning Sites for Majors | |
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| Make a Wish Foundation – Greater Cleveland | Community Health Partners Parish Nursing |
| Boys Club, Girls Club Lorain County | Big Brother, Big Sister of Lorain County |
| Family Planning Services of Lorain County | Lorain County Community College |
| Lorain County Boy Scouts | Blessing House |
| Lorain County Free Clinic | Leadership Lorain |
| Parma Animal Rescue | Berea Animal Rescue |
| Leadership Lorain | United Way |
| Friendship APL of Lorain County | |
| Lorain County Transitions | |

Governmental and non-governmental institutions are evolving, maturing, and overlapping in services, which in turn creates a higher demand for well-educated management specialists in public service. A degree in public administration prepares public/nonprofit professionals to excel in this increasingly complex, politicized, intergovernmental environment. As job competition increases in this growing sector, online degrees in public administration have become more popular among working professionals who want to improve their academic credentials without putting their careers on hold.



And Who Teaches The Courses?

In essence, the academic preparation, skills and practical experiences gained through LCCC's Public Administration courses prepare graduates to take one or more paths to employment and continued personal development. Among those who teach these courses at LCCC, there is ample evidence of the paths available to graduates. Faculty experience includes:

- Higher education teaching and management
- Not for profit management
- Association organization management
- Fund raising and fund raising management
- Law
- Start up of a not for profit
- Legislative liaison and lobbying
- Intergovernmental liaison
- A wide range of local, state and national consulting service (including business and education)
- Funding application development and grant management
- Elective office
- Corporate outplacement and career management
- Project/program planning and management
- Congressional staff
- Business management
- Administration of federal regional training programs
- Health care research manager
- State agency employee