MPA @ CSUCI Mission

The MPA Program at CSUCI provides a diverse student body of students from Ventura County California, the nation, and the world with unparalleled student-centered graduate education. Faculty instill leadership, management, and innovative problem solving skills in public administration and policy analysis grounded in the values of quality, ethical behavior, teamwork, and diversity. The CSUCI MPA program uses integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives. Course work focuses on mission-based organizations, outcomes assessment, and continual improvement. Graduates of the program demonstrate responsibility to society and commitment to service, education, and the benefits of life-long learning.

Curriculum

Required courses:
- PPA 500 Mission Based Organizations in the Public Sector (3)
- PPA 501 Public Management and Organizational Behavior (3)
- PPA 502 Public Policymaking Process (3)
- PPA 503 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3)
- PPA 504 Analytical Methods in the Public Sector (3)
- PPA 505 Administrative Law and Ethics (3)
- PPA 506 Public Budgeting (3)
- PPA 507 Public Human Resource Administration (3)
- PPA 699 MPA Professional Paper (3)

Required Internship

- Formal internship with an organization connected to area of interest, completed in a regular semester
- Academic component supervised by a core faculty member

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)

NASPAA’s commission on peer review and accreditation (COPRA) administered accreditation of Masters Programs in Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration. Worldwide, 209 programs at 195 universities were accredited as of the fall of 2023. The MPA program at CSUCI will pursue accreditation as soon as possible. The Universal Required Competencies for graduates of NASPAA accredited programs are: 1) to lead and manage in the public interest; 2) to participate in, and contribute to, the policy process; 3) to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make evidence-informed decisions in a complex and dynamic environment; 4) to articulate, apply, and advance a public service perspective; and 5) to communicate and interact productively and in culturally responsive ways with a diverse and changing workforce and society at large.
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