Public Safety Leadership and Administration (Executive Fire Administration), MPSLA

Fire service agencies could use someone like you: passionate about reducing risk and preserving the safety of the communities in your care. Navigate fire and emergency services as a leader who understands the function and impact of budgeting and finance, emergency services operations, fire services innovation and public policy.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MPSLA Public Safety Leadership and Administration (Executive Fire Administration)
The MPSLA is a graduate degree program designed primarily for public safety professionals. An advanced degree is an important key to career progression within public safety administration. Those with an advanced degree have an advantage that makes a difference as they seek to advance in their professions --- a practical understanding of public safety organization administration.

This graduate program, through its accomplished faculty and intricately connected curriculum, endeavors to advance student leadership, policy and administrative acumen.

The executive fire administration concentration program prepares students to handle the challenges facing chief officers. With coursework in strategic planning, public policy and administration, leadership and organizational management, data analysis, finance and technology, students develop a platform of knowledge and skills to build a solid foundation for success within the field of executive fire administration.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Online

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including the required applied project course (CRJ 593)

**Required Core (15 credit hours)**
CPP 521 Public Finance and Project Management for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (3) or PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)
CRJ 510 Criminal Justice Planning and Program Evaluation (3)
CRJ 574 Executive Leadership Principles in Public Service (3)
PAF 507 Public Human Resource Management (3)
PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)

**Concentration (9 credit hours)**
CRJ 570 Leadership for Innovation in Public Fire Services (3)
CRJ 573 Emergency Services: Operations Analysis and Planning (3)
PAF 560 Community Resilience (3)

**Electives or Research (6 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**
CRJ 593 Applied Project (3)

**Additional Curriculum Information**
Students choose two courses from a restricted list or any graduate-level CPP or PAF course, with program approval, for the electives or research credits.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology or criminal justice, public administration or public service, sociology or social work, public safety or fire service management, parks and recreation management, applied sciences or another closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.
Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. written personal statement
5. evidence of current employment in an organization in degree program/concentration field or at least two years prior professional experience in chosen degree program/concentration field
6. resume/curriculum vitae
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.

The written statement should be one to two pages in length and describe the applicant's prior education, relevant professional experience, and career goals, and explain how the criminal justice program will help them attain their career goals. The statement should explicitly explain how their plans are consistent with the role and mission of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU.

It is recommended that applicants who feel as if they are weak in a particular area or admission requirement address their plan, to remedy any shortcomings, should they be granted provisional admission into the degree program.

Tuition Information
When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Attend Online
ASU Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

Application Deadlines
Fall
Spring
Career Opportunities

Graduates with a concentration in fire administration are well equipped to drive innovation from the upper levels of fire service in federal, state and local fire departments and emergency management agencies. They should expect to find employment and advancement in all levels of government agencies as well as in the private sector.

Career examples include:

- fire inspector
- fire investigator
- fire prevention and protection engineer
- firefighter supervisor
- municipal firefighter

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