

# Public Administration and Public Management, Certificate

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Explore how government and policy affect the lives of the people in your community in this five-course certificate program. You'll gain a foundation in public policy management to build expertise in careers across the public sector.

## Description

The certificate in public administration and public management is designed for students interested in public service; for undergraduate students who are interested in developing leadership skills or who wish to enhance their degree in an existing major at ASU; for working adults who may wish to further their education yet may not be looking for a degree program; and for students of the BA in interdisciplinary studies who seek to combine certificates with their degree.

Students learn skills that enable them to analyze critical issues, build and bridge communities, deliver and manage public programs, improve the quality of life, lead change in public policy, preserve natural resources, provide public safety, reform welfare and strengthen democratic governance.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

## Program requirements

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The certificate in public administration and public management consists of 15 credit hours of coursework; students take 9 credit hours of core classes and six credit hours of elective courses.

### **Core Courses -- 9 credit hours**

[PAF 300: Public Management and Administration](#) (3)

[PAF 420: Managing Across Boundaries](#) (3)

[PAF 460: Public Service Ethics](#) (3)

### **Elective -- 6 credit hours**

[PAF Upper Division Elective](#) (6)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

## **Enrollment requirements**

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

## **Program learning outcomes**

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Apply management principles within the context of public administration issues.
- Apply ethical reasoning to the context of public administration and policy issues.

## **Career opportunities**

Students who receive this certificate are prepared to pursue a career in a field related to public administration or public policy, particularly in the areas of participatory governance and public engagement. This may include opportunities as either a manager or policy analyst in local, state or federal agencies; in nonprofit organizations; and in private organizations whose work interfaces with the public sector.

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