
Graduate Certificate in City and County Management

The Graduate Certificate in City and County Management offers advanced study in city and county management. The courses are drawn from the Master of Public Administration degree program of the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs. The curriculum is designed to stimulate critical examination and application of theory, concepts, and best practices in city and county management. Those completing the program will be awarded the Graduate Certificate in City and County Management and completion will be recognized on the student's official university transcript.

Who Should Enroll?

- City and county managers who hold undergraduate degrees and wish to enhance their knowledge and skills.
- MPA students seeking a concentration in city and county management.
- Students in other graduate degree programs seeking to specialize in city and county management.

What are the program requirements?

The Graduate Certificate in City and County Management requires four graduate-level courses and their prerequisites from the Master of Public Administration degree program as outlined below:

Complete each of the following required courses:

- Public Administration 725: Public Management of Human Resources
- Public Administration 865: State and Local Government Finance
- Public Administration 825: State and Local Government Administration

Complete one of the following elective courses:

- Public Administration 560: Planning Process

- Public Administration 760: State and Local Economic Development
- Public Administration 775: Local Government Law
- Public Administration 785: Public Works Administration

Students in the certificate program must earn a grade of "B" or better in all certificate courses. No transfer credit will be accepted for the Graduate Certificate in City and County Management. Certificate courses must be completed within six years or less. Classes normally take place after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

What must I do to be admitted?

Admission to the Graduate School is required either through a degree program or through Nondegree, Category A status. Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university and a grade point average of at least 2.75 in the last 60 credit hours of work, including any graduate work. Applicants who are currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Wichita State University and desire to complete the Graduate Certificate are required to file a separate plan of study with the Hugo Wall School for the certificate program.

Applicants who speak English as a second language must have a score of 600 or more on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and a score of 50 or more on the Test of Spoken English (TSE) or the Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit (SPEAK) test.

Faculty

Graduate faculty from the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs at Wichita State University teach the courses in the Graduate Certificate in City and County Management program.