

Northwestern University: Developing Leaders In Public Policy



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CHICAGO – March 25, 2009 – Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies has launched its second online master’s degree, providing students the opportunity to experience distance learning from Northwestern’s prestigious faculty while maintaining their professional careers.

The Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) online degree parallels the existing on-campus program’s curriculum and course structure. The online format enables students to engage in the program’s interactive learning environment that encourages active participation with peers and faculty.



The MPPA online degree program is designed for current and aspiring leaders who seek to positively impact society through the development, analysis, or implementation of public policy. The program is taught by current leaders in the field to students who are motivated to apply systematic thinking and pragmatic solutions to contribute to positive and relevant societal outcomes.

“Students in this program will be able to influence and implement policy that will make a direct impact on current and future generations,” said Joel Shapiro, Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs, Northwestern University School of Continuing Studies. “Many are leaders in their profession now and will cultivate their skills to make a difference in society.”

In myriad fields, Northwestern MPPA graduates are not only shaping meaningful policy but they’re providing substantive leadership, applying policy in ways that make a positive difference.

“In public policy you can make a difference on a very large scale. It’s an opportunity to help a whole community, perhaps a whole society,” said Jonathan Schachter, MPPA faculty member. “It sounds idealistic, but it’s true. That’s why I like teaching public policy students. They care about the way the world around them works and about finding ways to make it better.”

To find out more about Northwestern University’s online Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration, contact a Northwestern University enrollment advisor at 1-866-664-3347.

About Northwestern University
Northwestern University, founded in 1851 and located just north of Chicago, Illinois is one of the nation’s top-ranked research institutions. With a distinguished faculty, exceptional resources, and innovative programming, the School of Continuing Studies is celebrating 75 years of continuing excellence. Northwestern University and the MPPA program are regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges (NCA). This regional accrediting body is recognized by both the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and the United States Department of Education (USDE).

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