

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT

Overview

The Graduate Certificate in Local Government Management is a five-course (13 credit hours) curriculum that is flexible enough to meet the needs of both pre-career and in-service individuals. Taking only one class per term, this certificate program may be completed in 16 months.

Should program graduates seek to continue their studies, certificate credits transfer directly into the Master of Public Administration degree requirements.

Career Opportunities

This graduate certificate is designed to meet the professional needs of general management employees in local governments (municipal, township, and county) including private citizens who are interested in local policy issues and who may be involved in neighborhood associations or local advisory boards. Individuals changing from entry-level, nonprofessional, professional or technical roles to managerial roles will find this certificate program beneficial.

Accreditation

All courses in the graduate public management certificate programs at EMU are part of the fully accredited Master of Public Administration Program.



Admissions

1. Submit a completed EMU Graduate School application (available online at www.emich.edu/admissions), non-refundable application fee of \$30, and all official undergraduate and graduate transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
2. Applicants must have completed their undergraduate studies and have obtained a minimum 2.75 undergraduate GPA or a 3.00 GPA in the last half of their undergraduate work.
3. Individuals who received GPA's of 2.50 to 2.75 will be considered on a case-by-case basis for conditional admission. Students will *not* be admitted with GPA's below 2.50.
4. All applicants must submit a written 250-word description of their academic and professional history and their professional goals in public administration.
5. A personal interview with the program director or program advisor is strongly recommended.
6. International students need a TOEFL score of 550/213 or higher, or 83 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB).
7. Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) are not required.

Curriculum

This curriculum is designed to provide students with a solid foundation of knowledge in local government management, as well as enough flexibility for students to pursue individual interests. Students must complete four required courses and select one of the electives listed below.

Required courses:

- PLSC 510 Modern Public Administration, 3 hrs
- PLSC 515 Public Personnel Administration, 3 hrs
- PLSC 540 Public Budget Administration, 3 hrs
- PLSC 625 Local Government Management, 2 hrs

Elective courses (*select one*):

- PLSC 565 Studies in State and Local Government, 2 hrs
- PLSC 645 Intergovernmental Relations, 2 hrs
- PLSC 650 Urban Poverty Policy, 2 hrs
- PLSC 655 Politics of Local Planning, 2 hrs

