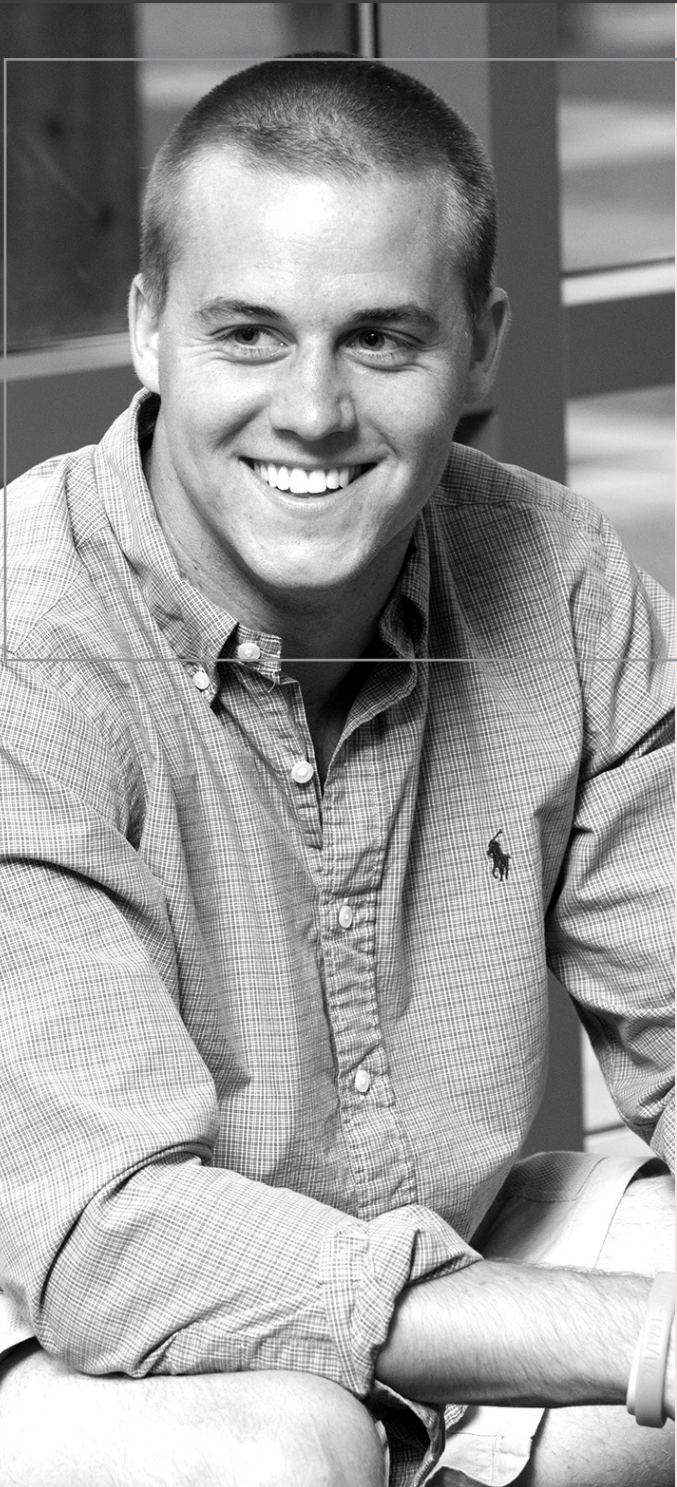


Graduate Certificate Programs

Program Description



Based on needs identified in a survey of area government and non-profit organizations, the University has approved three certificate programs: Non-Profit Management, Human Resource Management, and Public Management. These programs have been developed with a two-fold purpose: to provide education that will enable working public sector professionals to enhance their knowledge about public administration; and to provide opportunities to those in other fields who want and need additional education in the field of public administration.

Public Management

For persons working in the public sector or those who have a desire to work in the public sector, the Public Management concentration provides a good overview to the field. Two required courses provide theoretical and practical underpinnings for public management, and participants may choose two other courses from available course offerings as electives to tailor the program to their own interests or need for additional education.

Core Courses (Required)

PADM 7140	Governmental Budgeting & Finance
PADM 7350	Intergovernmental Management

Elective Courses (Choose Two)

PADM 7020	Public Sector Planning
PADM 7260	Democracy & Public Administration
PADM 7410	Performance Analysis for Government & Non-Profit Organizations
PADM 7120	Accounting for the Public Sector
PADM 7110	Information Management
PADM 7400	Ethics & Public Administration
PADM 7250	Managing Small Cities & Counties
PADM 7860	Grant Writing & Management
PADM 7270	Innovation & Creative Problem Solving in the Public Sector
PADM 7380	Politics of Managing Urban Areas
PADM 7670	Quality Management in Public Admin

Public Sector Human Resource Management

Certificates in Human Resource Management are available to those who want to expand their theoretical and practical knowledge of managing human resources in the public sector. Certificate programs can enhance knowledge for current managers who are in need of greater expertise in this area, as well as a good foundation for those who want a career focus in human resource management. Two required courses lay the foundation for the certificate, and two electives from available course offerings allow the student to focus on specific areas of need or interest for additional education.

Core Courses (Required)

PADM 7000	Human Resource Management
PADM 7010	Public Sector Labor Relations

Elective Courses (Choose Two)

PADM 7170	Organizational Theory & Behavior
PADM 7180	Labor Law
PADM 7220	Managing Diversity in the Public Workforce
PADM 7410	Performance Analysis for Government & Non-Governmental Organizations

Non-Profit Management

Non-profit Management certificates provide preparation for persons working in the non-profit sector and those who desire to expand their knowledge about non-profit work. Two required courses lay the foundation for the certificate, and two electives from available course offerings allow the student to focus on specific areas of need or interest.

Core Courses (Required)

PADM 7040	Non-Profit Management
PADM 7240	Public Administration & Community-Based Organizations

Elective Courses (Choose Two)

PADM 7400	Ethics & Public Administration
PADM 7860	Grant Writing & Management
PADM 7410	Performance Analysis for Government & Non-Governmental Organizations
PADM 7670	Quality Management in Public Admin
PADM 7270	Innovation & Creative Problem Solving in the Public Sector
PADM 7170	Organizational Theory & Behavior
PADM 7120	Accounting for the Public Sector
PADM 7020	Public Sector Planning

Admission Information

General requirements for admission to the Graduate Certificate Program are a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited or approved college or university, and admission to the certificate program through the VSU Graduate School.

This certificate program is a non-degree program as described in the VSU graduate catalog. No admission tests are required for this program. Students who later decide to apply hours earned toward the MPA degree are required to formally apply to the Graduate School.

Course Delivery

Students may choose from on-line classes or classes offered at Moody Air Force Base. You may also choose a hybrid approach.

Certificates require four courses in the concentration area, two required and two electives, from a set list of courses. All students are required to prepare a portfolio demonstrating competencies in the concentration area after coursework is completed. Materials should reflect classroom, volunteer, and work experiences that support awarding of the certificate.

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Not ready to go to graduate school, but hungry for more education? Here's a great opportunity to get the education you want without a commitment to a degree program. If you enjoy the coursework, you can apply hours earned for courses in which you earned at least a "B" toward your MPA, if you later decide to formally enroll in graduate school.

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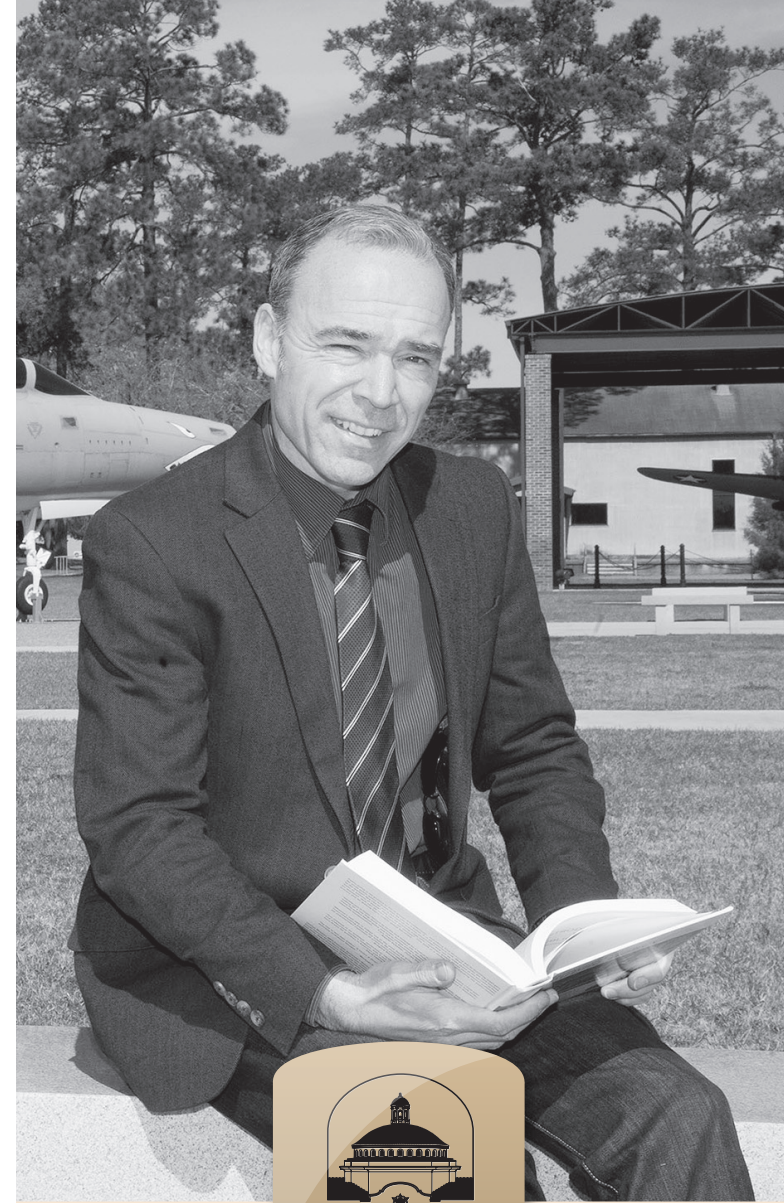
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