

How Do I Apply?

Admission Requirements

- Online graduate application + \$50 fee
- Letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Personal Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- No GRE required

International Students Also Submit:

- TOEFL/IELTS
- Official course-by-course transcript evaluation
- Financial Statement Certificate of Eligibility + Bank Statement

Apply by These Dates

(EMPA Tracks admit in Spring and Summer only)

U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents:

- Fall: July 1
- Spring: December 1
- Summer: April 1

International Applicants:

- Fall: April 1
- Spring: September 1



**READY TO BE A LEADER IN
TRUTH AND SERVICE?**

Apply today at
<https://gradapply.nccu.edu/>



Testimonials

“Being surrounded by peers and professors who looked like me provided an unparalleled level of support and resources that empowered me to thrive. North Carolina Central University equipped me with essential writing and research skills which are critical tools for success working in government, policy and project management. Additionally, the strong alumni network from NCCU has been invaluable.” —**Nina Barrett, MPA 2019**

“The EMPA program at significantly enhanced my ability to lead strategic initiatives and analyze policies that drive transformative change in local government. I am now well-equipped to develop innovative, data-driven solutions that positively impact my community.”

—**Ciji Garner, EMPA 2024**



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Why Should I Complete My MPA at NCCU?

Leading-Edge Curriculum: Gain marketable skills in management, policy, budgeting, leadership, and ethics — taught by expert faculty with real-world experience.

Real Impact: Become part of a program rooted in principles of ethical leadership, public accountability, and service to all communities.

Flexible Formats: Choose the Traditional Track (on-campus) or Executive Tracks (hybrid/online), allowing you to earn your degree at your pace.

Global Perspective: Expand your horizon through international internship opportunities and cohorts that foster cross-cultural learning.

MPA Program Overview

- 42-credit hour degree
- 9 core courses
- NASPAA Accredited Program
- Strong alumni and professional network
- Three different professional tracks

Traditional MPA Track

- **Duration:** 2 years (with a typical three-course semester load)
- **Designed For:** Recent graduates or early-career professionals aiming to launch or boost a career in public or nonprofit management and anyone looking for flexible training in public management
- **Learning Model:** Primarily on-campus, face-to-face interaction and collaborative learning experiences
- **Core Focus:** Build a foundation in essential fields like Personnel Administration, Public Management, Policy Analysis, and more

EMPA Online Fast Track

- **Duration:** 1 year (12 months, in 8-week sessions)
- **Designed For:** In-Service Professionals with 5+ years of experience
- **Learning Model:** 100% online cohort of approximately 20 students
- **Career Acceleration:** Mid-career professionals seeking to move into upper administrative roles or pivot into the public sector

EMP Global-Hybrid Track

- **Duration:** 18 months
- **Designed For:** Professionals with 4+ years of experience seeking to improve their skills and qualifications, expanding professional network
- **Learning Model:** Cohort-based, students work through the program together and meet monthly
- **Global Exposure:** A two-week international internship built into tuition

All MPA Students Take These Classes:

- Personnel Administration and Management
- Principles of Public Management
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Public Policy Formation
- Economic Consequences of Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Analysis
- Research Methods
- Organizational Theory and Behavior
- Administrative Leadership and Ethics

Students Choose Classes in These Elective Fields:

- Law and Society
- Human Resources
- Public Health Policy
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Non-Profit Management

Non-Profit Management Certificate Also Offered

Capstone & Internship: Put Your Knowledge Into Action

Solve real-world challenges in a public or nonprofit setting and finalize your degree with an integrative capstone project.

