



Certified PUBLIC MANAGER

The Certified Public Manager® Program is a nationally accredited comprehensive management development program specifically for managers in federal, state, and local government and in nonprofit organizations.

What is the Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program

The program's primary goal is to foster and encourage the highest possible levels of performance and ethical practice of public and nonprofit sector managers to continuously improve the performance of state, local, and federal government and of the nonprofit sector.

The CPM Program offers a comprehensive course of study by which public and nonprofit managers can acquire and apply best practices and theory to their leadership and management of people, processes, and organizations.

Those who complete the program earn a national trademark designation of CPM (Certified Public Manager®).

How to Apply?

The program is designed to benefit current government or nonprofit supervisors, managers, and persons with significant responsibilities (e.g., municipal or county clerks) and also persons who are interested in supervisory or management positions in a government or nonprofit organization. The Nebraska CPM Program has no prerequisites. Applicants with all educational backgrounds and levels of experience are welcome to apply.

For more information visit: spa.unomaha.edu/NebraskaCPM.

Nationally Accredited

The Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program is a nationally-recognized professional development program for supervisors and managers in government and the nonprofit sector.

The National Certified Public Manager® Consortium monitors and accredits the member programs. Only accredited programs are authorized to award the CPM designation.

Curriculum

The curriculum is driven by the seven competency clusters required by the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium. These clusters are:

- Personal and Organizational Integrity
- Managing Work
- Leading People
- Developing Self
- Systemic Integration
- Public Service Focus
- Change Leadership

The National CPM Consortium requires 300 hours of structured learning activities for the complete program, which includes courses, assignments, and a major project. Based on this requirement, you should expect to spend, on average, five to six hours a week on the program.

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Benefits

Benefits of the Nebraska CPM Program are impressive. Participants have the opportunity to strengthen leadership abilities, management, and supervisory skills; advance skills in managing and improving work processes; budget development and execution; and personnel management. Networking opportunities abound. Participants develop inter-agency and cross-sector contacts and communication. In addition, participants learn to encourage innovation, creativity, and new approaches to problem solving in their organizations.



A Brief History

The program was developed in the mid-1970s by Georgia educators and state officials to train public managers. The National Certified Public Manager® Consortium was formed shortly after. The Consortium is an independent, tax exempt 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization incorporated in North Carolina. The purpose of the Consortium is to establish accreditation standards. The accreditation review process assures that Consortium standards are maintained by member programs. The term “Certified Public Manager®” is a registered service mark of the National Certified Public Manager® Consortium.

Program Cost

The cost of the program is \$2,250 plus books and travel if participants need to commute to Omaha for the on-site courses. The cost of books and other course materials is not expected to exceed \$200.

Payment is due at the beginning of the program. If necessary, customized payment plans can be worked out for participants and for the organizations that sponsor a participant. The program must be paid in full before the participant’s graduation in December.

Program Length

The Nebraska CPM Program is a 12-month certification. Participants have the option of extending the time to completion as long as they meet all requirements within three years.

Cohorts begin in January of each year and meet on campus for two to three days at a time. The rest of the program is offered online, with at least one course each month.

Another incentive to participate in the program is the undergraduate and/or graduate credits that can be earned. Graduates of the Nebraska CPM Program can receive 15 upper-level college credits which can be used to complete a Bachelor’s degree in Multidisciplinary Studies (BMS).

If they have an undergraduate degree, graduates can receive six graduate credits toward a Master in Public Administration (MPA) at UNO. To receive the MPA credits, participants must enroll in the UNO graduate school and pay tuition and fees for the six credit hours. Nebraska CPM participants who do not live in Nebraska must pay non-resident tuition. No work beyond the CPM Program requirements is necessary to receive the undergraduate and graduate credits.

Participants who complete the program will have a life-long certification, but will also have the opportunity for further growth and development through continuing education opportunities.