Public Policy & Administration at CSUB

The Department of Public Policy & Administration at California State University, Bakersfield offers the following degree programs:

• Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Public Administration
• Master of Public Administration (MPA)
• Master of Science in Administration, Health Care Management (MSA-HCM)

The Department also offers a minor in Public Administration, a minor in Health Care Management, a minor in Nonprofit Management, and “Fast Track” minors for undergraduates are considering the MPA or MSA-HCM programs.

Students may also earn a Certificate in Public Administration or a Certificate in Non-Profit Management.

To find out more about these exciting and rewarding programs, please call (661)-654-2326 or visit our website: www.csub.edu/ppa.
What is Public Policy & Administration?

As an applied professional academic program, the purpose of the Department of Public Policy & Administration is to prepare competent, ethical, and effective public, nonprofit, and health care managers and leaders who are committed to advancing the public service.

Individuals enrolled in our Department of Public Policy and Administration (PPA) programs engage in learning experiences to develop new skills and expertise that prepare them for positions with government agencies at all levels; nonprofit organizations; hospitals, health, and health care agencies; and private organizations with significant government interactions. The Department also has a strong commitment to professional development for public and nonprofit professionals.

Get the BPA Experience

Student Support
At CSU Bakersfield, students enjoy small class sizes and face-to-face interaction with their professors. The BPA Student Services Center provides valuable support services, including full-time advisors who work with you to facilitate success in your degree program. Campus clubs and student organizations are a great way to make new connections and build professional networks.

Outstanding Faculty
BPA faculty members are highly qualified Ph.D. professors who are active in academic research, consulting and community service. They use the latest instructional methods and present applied coursework that is relevant to organizations of every size and industry.

Community Connections
The School of Business and Public Administration at CSUB provides numerous opportunities for internships with businesses, government, and nonprofit agencies throughout Kern County.

Convenience and Value
BPA’s flexible programs are designed to meet the needs of full-time students and working professionals. Evening classes allow students to pursue a degree while working full-time. In these tough economic times, CSUB offers a terrific educational value, with total fees averaging around half the cost of most private or online universities.

Career Opportunities
There are many challenging and rewarding career opportunities for students with a degree in Public Policy and Administration. Most graduates find employment in federal, state, or local government agencies, or at various non-profit organizations, educational institutions, or consulting firms.

CSUB’s Public Policy & Administration alumni serve in a variety of prestigious capacities, both locally and nationally. They include past and present county administrative officers (CAOs); chief executive officers (CEO’s) of hospitals, retirement centers, mass transit systems, and special economic development zones; CEOs of nonprofit organizations; policy specialists for elected officials at the national and local levels; executive directors; as well as elected public servants at the local and state levels.

CSUB PPA alumni enjoy professional careers in:

- City management
- Special districts
- Social work organizations
- Law enforcement
- Prison management
- Fire and Public safety
- Health care professions