Curriculum

- The MPA is the key professional degree for individuals working in the public and nonprofit sectors. TSU’s program is the only NASPAA-accredited MPA in middle Tennessee.
- The course of study is 36 hours for students with extensive public or nonprofit sector experience, or 42 hours for pre-service students who will also complete an internship.
- Course delivery is geared towards the working student. The curriculum consists of a mix of hybrid courses (meeting on ground once every two weeks with other activities occurring online) and completely online courses.
- You may begin pursuing this degree in the Fall, Spring or Summer semesters.
- A limited number of graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis.

**Core topics include:**

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Students may also pursue the following credentials as a part of their MPA studies:

- Health Administration and Planning certificate
- Nonprofit Management certificate
- Public Policy certificate

Application

Apply for this degree through the TSU Graduate School at [www.tnstate.edu/graduate](http://www.tnstate.edu/graduate). The state and Federal governments, and many other employers offer generous fee waivers or tuition reimbursement – check with your employer on their policy.