Program Description

Degree Awarded: MPSLA Public Safety Leadership & Administration (Emergency Medical Services-Mobile Integrated Healthcare)

The MPSLA is a graduate degree program designed primarily for public safety professionals. An advanced degree is an important key to career progression within public safety administration. Those with an advanced degree have an advantage that makes a difference as they seek to advance in their professions --- a practical understanding of public safety organization administration. Graduates of this program should expect to find employment and advancement in all levels of government agencies as well as in the private sector.

The emergency medical services--mobile integrated health care concentration provides the foundations for leadership and administration of EMS organizations. This program takes a multi-professional approach to administration of EMS organizations and encompasses public policy and administration, organizational management and leadership, finance and data analysis. Students develop a platform of knowledge and skills to build a solid foundation for success within the field of EMS administration.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut
- **Location:** online

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours including the required applied project course (CPP 593 or PAF 593)
Required Core (15 credit hours)
PAF 505 Public Policy Analysis (3)  
PAF 506 Public Budgeting and Finance (3)  
PAF 507 Public Human Resource Management (3)  
PAF 508 Organization Behavior (3)  
PAF 571 Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Analysis (3)

Concentration (9 credit hours)
CPP 540 Foundations of Emergency Medical Services (3)  
CPP 550 Community Paramedicine: Mobile Integrated Health Care (3)  
HCD 502 Health Care Systems and Design (3)

Electives or Research (6 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
CPP 593 Applied Project (3) or  
PAF 593 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students choose two courses from a restricted list or any graduate-level CPP or PAF course, with program approval, for the electives or research credits.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology or criminal justice, public administration or public service, sociology or social work, public safety or fire service management, parks and recreation management, applied sciences or another closely related field from a regionally accredited college or university.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee  
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. written statement
5. evidence of current employment in an organization in this field or at least two years prior professional experience in this or a related field OR a bachelor's degree in a related area
6. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

The written statement, at least one page in length, should describe the applicant's educational and career goals and long-term professional development strategy.

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

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