



# ONLINE PROGRAMS

**Executive Master of Public Service and Administration**

**Graduate Certificates:**

Advanced International Affairs

Homeland Security

Nonprofit Management

Public Management



The  
**Bush School**  
OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SERVICE  
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY 

# CURRICULUM

The Bush School offers a challenging curriculum taught by instructors with both academic and practical expertise. Bush School faculty have distinguished careers and are dedicated to public service. They uphold the School's academic rigor through intensive and interactive online courses offered in 15-week fall and spring semesters and a 10-week summer semester.

# PROGRAM BENEFITS

With flexible online options, you can:

- enhance your resume and career portfolio
- network with other professionals and faculty in the field
- work a full-time job while pursuing your education
- earn Texas A&M University graduate transcript credit
- network with Bush School alumni and the Aggie Network
- collaborate with other professionals and faculty in the field
- transfer up to 12 credit hours from the graduate certificates into the corresponding track of the Executive Master of Public Service and Administration or on-campus Bush School degrees

# OUR STUDENTS

With online education, we serve a diverse group of students who are located across Texas, the United States, and around the world. Many of our students are full-time professionals seeking a rigorous online graduate program that fits their educational career goals. Other students seek an additional content area of knowledge to complement their existing degree. With Bush School online graduate education, you can gain additional expertise, and add a reputable and recognized academic credential to your resume.

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# ONLINE EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION (EMPSA)

The Executive Master of Public Service and Administration (EMPSA) program prepares principled leaders who have the critical skills, knowledge, and expertise to excel and lead in the public service field, specifically in homeland security, nonprofit management, or public management. The program is delivered online in order to serve full-time working executives and professionals. Admitted students must select a track of Homeland Security, Nonprofit Management, or Public Management.

- Pursue your education through rigorous online courses.
- Attend two, one-week residency requirements in College Station, Texas.
- Earn a 39-graduate-credit-hour degree from Texas A&M University.
- Collaborate with industry and governmental partners in a capstone project.
- Complete the degree in approximately two to three years depending on transfer credits and your schedule.

*EMPSA students must have five years cumulative experience in public service—including at least three years at the middle-to-upper level.*



My favorite part of the EMPSA program was the shared experiences with an elite group of classmates combined with the expertise of the faculty. They contributed to a quality education that I can apply to my current position and to future community involvement. Most definitely, no other university offers what the Bush School does. I have looked.”

**Terri Willis**  
EMPSA Class of 2017  
Executive Director, Brazoria County Dream Center



*Our graduate certificate students seek a stand-alone, transcript-recognized credential to add to their skill set and resume.”*



I was hired at a nonprofit in Colorado Springs that conserves and protects public lands in the Southern Colorado Rockies. There is no doubt in my mind that the training and instruction I received through completion of the Certificate in Nonprofit Management prepared me for this role and played a major role in my hiring. I would highly recommend this certificate for anyone seeking to gain experience in all aspects of the nonprofit sector.”

**Jennifer Peterson, PhD**  
CNPM Class of 2014  
Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Field Institute



# ONLINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

## ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Certificate in Advanced International Affairs helps individuals acquire knowledge in international relations that supports a wide range of careers in a connected world. The Certificate in Advanced International Affairs requires completion of 12 graduate credit hours and is offered online, in-residence, or through a combination of both.

### Emphasis Areas

- Counterterrorism
- Defense Policy and Military Affairs
- Diplomacy
- Intelligence

## HOMELAND SECURITY

The Certificate in Homeland Security meets rapidly growing educational needs in the area of homeland security strategy, policy, and operations. The program combines a broad understanding of homeland security issues at the national level with an in-depth analysis of key issues affecting all levels of government and the private sector. The Certificate in Homeland Security requires completion of 15 graduate credit hours and is offered online, in-residence, or through a combination of both.

### Emphasis Areas

- Border Security
- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Emergency Management and Crisis Preparedness
- National Security Policy and Management

## NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

The Certificate in Nonprofit Management prepares the next generation of leaders to be effective managers of nonprofit organizations. The Certificate in Nonprofit Management requires completion of 12 graduate credit hours and is offered online, in-residence, or through a combination of both.

### Emphasis Areas

- Fiscal and Performance Management
- Fundraising and Philanthropy
- Health and Human Service Policy
- International Nongovernmental Organizations
- Leadership and Management

## PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The Certificate in Public Management focuses on the capabilities required for effective and ethical leadership in the public and nonprofit sectors. This includes the knowledge and skills pertaining to the internal operation of public-service organizations and to the relationship between those organizations and their environments. The Certificate in Public Management requires completion of 12 graduate credit hours and is offered online, in-residence, or through a combination of both.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and meet other graduate student entry requirements at Texas A&M University. To apply, contact us, and we'll walk you through the process. Applications accepted for fall, spring, and summer semesters.

## PROGRAM COST

Tuition and fees vary each year according to state residency, term of study, and other factors. Distance education differential tuition applies to all online courses. For the most recent cost estimate, please contact the Bush School Online Advising Center at 1-866-988-2874 or [bushschoolonline@tamu.edu](mailto:bushschoolonline@tamu.edu). Financial aid and scholarships are available; veteran's benefits are accepted.

## CONTACT US

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