

# Bush School Online Graduate Programs

Achieve Excellence in Public Service  
& Lead with Integrity



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
The Bush School  
of Government & Public Service

College Station, TX

Online

Washington, DC



*Excellence. Integrity. Leadership. Loyalty. Respect. Selfless Service.*

## Online Programs:

Executive Master of Public Service and Administration (EMPSA)  
Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs (CAIA)  
Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS)  
Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management (CNPM)  
Graduate Certificate in Public Management (PBMG)  
Graduate Certificate in Geospatial Intelligence (GeoInt)

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# EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION (EMPSA)

The Executive Master of Public Service and Administration Program (EMPSA), offered online, 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. Accredited by The Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), the EMPSA Program offers tracks in Homeland Security, Nonprofit Management, and Public Management. It is a rigorous 39 graduate credit hour, non-thesis executive degree program. There are two separate one week requirements in residence at Texas A&M University in College Station or at the Bush School Washington DC Teaching Site. The program also includes a two semester culminating capstone experience where students work with a governmental or nonprofit partner to solve a pertinent sector issue.

Applicants must have a completed bachelor's degree from an accredited university, 5 years of full time public service experience with 3 years at the mid to upper level.

## Highlights

- Pursue your education through rigorous online courses
- Tracks in Homeland Security, Nonprofit Management, and Public Management
- Two separate 1 week residency weeks in either College Station, TX or Washington D.C.
- Applicants must have a completed bachelor's degree, 5 years of full time public service experience, and 3 years in mid to upper level management.
- Collaborate with governmental and nonprofit partners in a capstone project
- Up to 12 credit hours from a Bush School Graduate Certificate may transfer into the master's program.

## Program Benefits

With flexible online options, you can:

- Enhance Your Resume and Your Career
- Network With Other Professionals and Faculty in The Field
- Pursue Your Full-Time Career While Obtaining Your Education
- NASPAA Accredited and Highly Ranked Program
- Earn Your Texas A&M University Aggie Ring and Degree
- Network With Bush School Alumni and The Aggie Network
- Collaborate With Other Professionals and Faculty In The Field
- Display Your Achievement with a Verified Electronic Credential
- Veteran Friendly and Veteran's Benefits Accepted
- Financial Aid Available
- Worldwide, Active Former Student Network with Texas A&M University and The Bush School!

## 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 format.



## Our EMPSA Students

The majority of our EMPSA students are full-time professionals seeking online options that fit their educational career and professional goals. 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 and reputable online graduate program to solidify their existing knowledge and experience. Other students seek an additional content area of knowledge to complement a career change or career advancement. With Bush School online graduate education, you can gain additional expertise while adding a reputable and recognized academic credential to your resume.

“My favorite part of the EMPSA program has been the shared experiences with an elite group of classmates combined with the expertise of the faculty. They have 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

“Since the summer of 2018, I have had the privilege of attending Texas A&M and as someone who was not born and raised in Texas, I was surprised at the level of Texas Pride and traditions here at Texas A&M.....Even though I was a remote student attending via the web, I can tell you I feel no less an Aggie than those attending here on campus. ”

**John Whitehead**

Hexagon





## Why pursue a graduate certificate?

- Enhance Your Resume and Your Career
- Earn a standalone credential in only 4 – 5 courses
- Work a full-time career while pursuing your education
- Transcript-recognized credential from Texas A&M University
- 100% Online, on-campus, or mix and match formats
- Graduate Credit Transferable to Bush School Master's Degree to Applicable Tracks
- Display your achievement with a verified electronic credential
- Veteran Friendly and Veteran's Benefits Accepted
- Financial Aid Available

### Our Graduate Certificate Students

Our graduate certificate students seek a stand-alone transcript recognized credential to add to their skill set and resume. They seek to deepen and enhance their expertise, while providing a formal credential to demonstrate their acquired knowledge in their selected career field.

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (CAIA)

The Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs is an innovative way for individuals to acquire knowledge in international relations that supports a wide range of careers in a highly interconnected world. This graduate certificate can help students prepare for or advance in fields of intelligence, diplomacy, law enforcement, or international economic development to name a few. Students select either four electives of interest, or establish an emphasis area with two core courses and two electives. The Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs requires completion of 12 graduate credit hours and is offered online, in-residence, or through a combination of both. The graduate CAIA may be completed as a stand-alone graduate certificate or in conjunction with another Texas A&M University degree.

### Emphasis Areas

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



## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HOMELAND SECURITY

The Graduate 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. Students have the option of tailoring their program to achieve an emphasis in one of the following areas: Homeland Security Policy and Management, National Security Policy, Emergency Management / Crisis Preparedness, Critical Infrastructure Protection, or Border Security. Choose to complete this certificate on the College Station campus, online, or in a mixed format of online and residential courses.

### Emphasis Areas

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

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management prepares the next generation of leaders to be effective managers of nonprofit organizations. Students may establish an emphasis area by taking two core courses and two elective courses within their chosen emphasis area. The Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management requires completion of 12 graduate credit hours and is offered online, in-residence, or through a combination of both formats.

### Emphasis Areas

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





## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT**

The Graduate 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. Students select two core courses and two electives chosen from a variety of course offerings. The Certificate in Public Management requires completion of 12 graduate credit hours and is offered online, on the College Station campus, or through a combination of both formats.

- 12 credit hours, 4 courses
- 100% Online, on the College Station campus, or choose both formats
- Transcript recognized
- Graduate Credit Potentially Transferable to Bush School Masters

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## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE (GEOINT)**

Geospatial intelligence (GeoINT) is a rapidly emerging field that leverages human intelligence and geospatial technologies in the support of national security and other intelligence activities. This 15-credit-hour graduate certificate is offered jointly by the College of Geosciences and the Bush School of Government and Public Service. The program develops the technical skill set, knowledge of intelligence processes, and critical thinking ability required of GeoINT practitioners. This graduate certificate program has been designed to meet the growing demand for qualified individuals in the field.

- 15 credit hours, 5 courses – including a capstone course
- 100% Online, on the College Station campus, or choose both formats
- Transcript recognized
- Graduate Credit Potentially Transferable to Bush School Masters

"It has long been a dream of mine to be an executive director of a nonprofit organization. I fulfilled that dream when I was hired at a nonprofit organization 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. It allows you to tailor the coursework to your specific interests to effectively prepare you for a rewarding position within a nonprofit organization."

**Jennifer Peterson, PhD**

*CNPM Class of 2014*

Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Field Institute

## 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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