

California State University, Long Beach

POLICY STATEMENT

June 20, 1984

Number: 84-03

File: Certificate

This curricular program was recommended by the Academic Senate in its meeting of May 10, 1984 and received the concurrence of the President on June 1, 1984.

SUBJECT: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC
SECTOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Public Sector Financial Management Certificate Program is a six-course academic program designed for public managers and other interested in obtaining an understanding of governmental financial management concepts, functions, techniques, and issues. The Program is designed to familiarize students with financial management problems and the techniques available for solving them. An emphasis is placed on how to recognize, evaluate, and utilize financial information in decision making.

Required Preparation

1. An undergraduate degree in public administration or the equivalent preparation for graduate study in public administration.
2. Acceptance by the University as a post-baccalaureate student.
3. An undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 or better, or 3.0 in the last 60 upper- and graduate-division units attempted. A student whose overall undergraduate grade point average is less than 2.75, but who presents acceptable evidence of professional potential shown through recent academic performance and experiential background, may be admitted by special action of the faculty of the Center for Public Policy and Administration.

Other Information

Each student must be approved for admission by the Director of the Center.

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A total of six semester units of coursework from a completed master's degree in Public Administration/Public Affairs may be applied toward the coursework requirements of the Certificate program.

Fifteen units of subject and unit credit earned in this Certificate program may be applied to the MPA degree program, after acceptance into the MPA program.

Course Requirements

A. A total of six courses are required, as follows:

PPA 555 Public Budgeting
PPA 565 Local Government Finance Skills
PPA 590 Basic Governmental (Fund) Accounting

B. Three elective courses to be selected from the following:

PPA 520 Governmental Administrative Services Analysis
PPA 522 Automating Governmental Administration
PPA 527 Productivity in Local Government
PPA 540 Grants Administration and Management
PPA 560 Public Financial Management Techniques and Issues
PPA 590 Government Acquisition Policy
PPA 590 Contracting for Public Services

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