

College of Arts & Sciences

Certificate of Graduate Studies – Public Administration

Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the [priority deadlines](#). International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the [International Requirements Page](#), for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.

- Evidence of minimum of earned four-year baccalaureate degree from regionally accredited institution or U.S. equivalent. Submit official or unofficial copies of transcripts, degree certificates, and exam score reports for every school attended in the last 60 semester/90 quarter credits as well as any post-baccalaureate credits. You may upload the unofficial transcript(s) for your institution(s) within the Academic History tab of the application. You may also upload the transcript(s) following the submission of your application via your Status Page. Upon an offer of admission, you will be required to submit official copies of provisional documents within your first quarter of enrollment
- Minimum 3.00 GPA in last 90 quarter/60 semester credits required. In special cases, probationary admission possible with less than 3.00 GPA. Applicants earning bachelor's degree from non-graded institutions must submit official scores from Graduate Record Exam (GRE) in lieu of GPA.
- Professional résumé demonstrating at least one year of continuous full-time work experience
- Two recommendations using the forms provided through the application from individuals who can speak to your qualifications; at least one recommendation should be from recent supervisor.
- Two-page maximum statements of intent summarizing interest in the program, commitment to public service, and discussing ways in which this certificate will assist you in reaching your career and education goals.
- Graduate and post baccalaureate applicants who received a baccalaureate degree or higher from Seattle University or a recognized college or university in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Bahamas, Jamaica, Kenya, Singapore, Belize, Nigeria, and Trinidad and Tobago will not be required to submit English proficiency test scores. Students earning a degree in a country other than those listed above may provide official documentation from the degree-granting institution verifying that all instruction was in English. A minimum of three years of enrollment at the university is required. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 86 (IBT), or the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 6.5; PTE score of 63; or Duolingo score of 110.

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