

Graduate Certificate in Public Budgeting and Financial Management

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, Public and Nonprofit Management Department is offering a graduate certificate in Public Budgeting and Financial Management which is designed to enhance students' understanding and experience in public budgeting and financial management and control, governmental or non-profit accounting, and public expenditure planning, management, and fiscal control. Employers are seeking to hire employees with some level of advanced education. A graduate certificate in public budgeting and financial management can help meet those expectations by expanding public sector knowledge and allowing students to keep skills relevant and updated.

Students will learn the theory and practice of raising public revenue, allocating resources through the budgeting process, and managing public assets and other fiscal resources. The applied and experiential nature of the advanced courses in this certificate will prepare students for a variety of positions in government finance and budgeting, management, ratio analysis that is critical to nonprofit and government, and applied program and policy analysis.

Admissions

Students seeking the Public Budgeting and Financial Management certificate must have completed an undergraduate degree. Primary admission requirements are: (1) an application to UT Dallas, and (2) an undergraduate transcript. Applicants for the certificate program **do not need a GRE** (Graduate Record Examination) score or letters of reference for admission.

Certificate Requirements

The Public Budgeting and Financial Management Certificate requires completion of four (4) graduate courses (12 semester credit hours). The courses taken for this certificate will apply to the MPA degree requirements if the student meets the conditions for full admission as a graduate student to the MPA program. The certificate must be completed within 3 years of acceptance to the program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all courses.

Required Courses – Nine (9) Semester Credit Hours:

EPPS 6313 Introduction to Quantitative Methods
PA 6350 Governmental and Reporting with Financial Statement Analysis
PA 6321 Government Financial Management and Budgeting

Elective Courses – Three (3) Semester Credit Hours

Choose one from the following:

PA 6315 Evaluating Program and Organizational Performance
PA 6347 Capital Budget and Debt Management (*Prerequisite EPPS 6313*)
PA 6324 Urban Planning
PA 6374 Financial Management for Nonprofit Organizations

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