

CO-OP + CAREER

Public Administration Co-op

Through Public Administration Co-op, you will try different jobs, meet employers, earn a salary and gain relevant work experience! During your Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, you'll complete co-op terms working for exciting employers in positions related to your field of study.

Co-op is mandatory for MPA students—you will be automatically enrolled as part of your program.



Master of Public Administration co-op student Annabelle Budd (left) worked for the BC Ministry of Health as a research and policy analyst.

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As an MPA co-op student, you will complete a minimum of two four-month co-op work terms in addition to your academic terms.

Where you might work on your co-op terms

You will apply and compete for co-op placements through our online portal (Learning in Motion) and can also develop opportunities on your own.

You can work in diverse areas, including research, client services, program evaluation, policy analysis, event planning and cost-benefit studies. Employers hire MPA students to work in the public sector at the federal, provincial, or local government level, including agencies and commissions—in Victoria, across Canada and abroad. You may also find a placement in the non-profit or private sectors.

Co-op and the capstone project

The MPA program culminates in a client-focused capstone project, which may be combined with a co-op work term if supported by your co-op employer. The capstone project provides strategic options for a government agency, non-profit organization or community client on a real policy or management challenge. You must review literature, undertake empirical work, use best practices, develop options and create plans to implement the recommended options.

Learn more about co-op and how it can help you launch your career!

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