

A photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, a large, silver, wireframe globe sculpture stands on a pedestal, partially enclosed by a black metal fence. Behind the fence, a grassy lawn features several white Adirondack chairs and a few people sitting. In the background, there are brick and concrete buildings, trees with green and brown foliage, and a blue sky with light clouds.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Early Entry

Master of Public Administration

Westfield State University

# Make a Difference Through Public Service, Sooner.

Westfield State University is offering exceptional undergraduate students an accelerated pathway to complete their bachelor's and master's degree in as little as 5 years. Students accepted into this Early Entry Master of Public Administration program will enroll in graduate level courses during their senior year with 6-credits counting toward both their related major's bachelor's degree and their master's degree in public administration. By obtaining graduate level credits sooner, students earn both degrees in less time than it would take to earn separately. An MPA prepares students for careers as leaders in government and non-profit organizations. WSU offers concentrations in **Public Management**, **Non-Profit Management**, and **Criminal Justice Administration**.

**Application is due by February 15 of student's junior year.**  
**Students will be notified of acceptance into the program by March 1.**



## **WHY WESTFIELD?**

Do you want to further your education and professional experience with a master's degree? Are you overwhelmed with options when applying to graduate schools? Get a Master of Public Administration degree sooner, on a campus you know and with faculty you trust.

You will benefit from:

- A reduction of the master's degree credit requirement by 6 credits, accelerating completion of a Master of Public Administration degree.
- A smooth transition between undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Waived GRE/MAT score requirements and application fees.
- Experienced faculty dedicated to helping you become leaders in the public sector.



## AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for this Early Entry program, you must:

- Have an overall GPA of 3.2
- Apply by February 15 in the junior year after completing 75+ undergraduate credits, with a minimum of 30 credits earned at Westfield State
- Complete the application form and accompanying materials for the graduate application including:
  - Statement of interest (narrative statement)
  - Two letters of recommendation
  - Transcripts of all undergraduate work
  - Approval from their undergraduate academic advisor

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Current undergraduate and graduate tuition and fees can be found on Westfield State's website [westfield.ma.edu](http://westfield.ma.edu). Costs of courses taken at the graduate level differ from undergraduate tuition.

Once a student is enrolled in the graduate public administration program, the College of Graduate and Continuing Education offers a limited number of graduate assistantships that can help with the cost of graduate courses. Additional information about financial aid can be found at [GoBackNow.com](http://GoBackNow.com) or by contacting the CGCE office.



The most important things that I've learned here at Westfield State that I can actually take along with me no matter where I go in my career path is leadership skills that I can put in my toolbox.

**FARAH RODRIGUEZ '19**

Nestled in the scenic Pioneer Valley, Westfield State University is within commuting distance of Springfield, Worcester, Boston, the Berkshires, northern Connecticut, eastern New York, and southern Vermont and New Hampshire.

ALBANY  
2 HOURS

NORTHAMPTON  
30 MINUTES

AMHERST  
30 MINUTES

BOSTON  
2 HOURS

SPRINGFIELD  
20 MINUTES

NEW YORK CITY  
3 HOURS

HARTFORD  
1 HOUR

PROVIDENCE  
2 HOURS

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

For questions about the Early Entry M.P.A. program contact:

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For questions about applying to Westfield State University:

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