



MASTER IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY LEADERSHIP

AN INTEGRATED LEADERSHIP APPROACH TO ALL-HAZARDS PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS

Program highlights

- › 30-hour program
- › Online classes taught by experienced authorities in their fields
- › GRE not required for admission
- › Design a capstone project that fits your goals; no thesis required
- › A 12-credit hour Public Safety Leadership Certificate is also available
- › Credit toward your master's may be requested for up to six qualifying professional development hours
- › Emergency Management student may complete up to six graduate credit hours concurrently while completing their undergraduate degree
- › Total cost of the program is less than \$14,000; certificate less than \$6,000

Who should enroll in this program?

This program is designed for public safety and service leaders in fields such as law enforcement, emergency management, fire service, public health service, emergency medical services, environmental health and safety services, nonprofit organizations engaged in public safety and service, homeland security and public administration. Military service members, particularly those planning to transition into civilian service, are encouraged to apply.

Graduates of this program will have

- Leadership skills necessary to successfully integrate all aspects of public safety operations, personnel management and strategic planning and policies.
- Practical learning experiences and projects that can be immediately implemented in the work place.

Course descriptions

***PSSL 600: Integrated Approaches to Public Safety**, 3 credit hours

This seminar course features case studies, theories and frameworks that exemplify best practices at the organizational, community, regional and national levels.

***PSSL 610: Strategic Planning and Evaluation**, 3 credit hours

Topics include establishing goals and priorities, assessing stakeholder perspectives and building a shared vision, identifying and adapting to situational dynamics and identifying measurable and relevant metrics.

***PSSL 620: Human Resource Management and Employee Wellness**,

3 credit hours,

Material will cover best practices for recruiting, hiring, training and retaining employees.

***PSSL 630: Effective Project Management**, 3 credit hours

Learn how to manage a project from conception to implementation including the identification of project goals, mapping out a feasible timeline and budget, troubleshooting issues and delivering the end product.

PSSL 640: Financial Management and Sustainability, 3 credit hours

Content addresses best practices in developing financial sustainability including granting writing and management and securing collaborative partnerships.

PSSL 650: Ethics, Conflict and Decision Making, 3 credit hours

Case studies emphasize the ethical dimensions underlying communication choices and resolution strategies.

PSSL 660: Community Engagement, Partnerships and Program Promotion, 3 credit hours

Students will learn how to create, promote, evaluate and sustain robust safety and educational initiatives.

PSSL 670: Leading Teams and Organizations, 3 credit hours

Students will use self-assessment tools to deepen their understanding of their own leadership style and learn strategies for adapting style to team, organizational and external dynamics.

PSSL 680: Emerging Issues in Public Safety and Administration, 3 credit hours

This seminar course presents topics such as policy and regulatory issues, social dimensions of disasters and barriers to diversity and inclusion in staffing and community relations.

PSSL 695: Capstone Project, 3 credit hours

This course is the culminating experience in the program.

* Both certificate and degree courses



“The focus of this program is about collaboration. The issues facing public safety require professionals

who are especially capable and experienced in collaborating with colleagues outside their area of specialization. This program provides unique opportunities to widen the perspectives of learners so that the opportunities for problem-solving are limitless.”

— Jarett Metheny, program coordinator

Application requirements

- College of Graduate Studies application: drury.edu/graduate-application
- Official undergraduate degree transcript
- Two professional or academic recommendations
- Personal statement
- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- Official Joint Services Transcript and other official paperwork designating military training or professional credentials, if applicable

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