

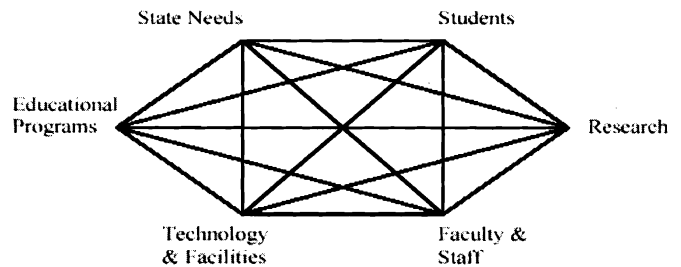
**University of Alaska Board of Regents  
Program Approval Summary Form**

**Requirements:**

1. 2 pages or less
2. Must be a stand-alone document

**MAU: University of Alaska Southeast  
Title: Graduate Certificate in Public  
Administration**

**Target admission date: Fall 2009**



**How does the program relate to the Education mission of the University of Alaska and the MAU?**

**\*Who promoted the development of the program?**

**The Master of Public Administration program and the School of Management at the University of Alaska Southeast**

**\*What process was followed in development of program (including internal and external consultation)**

**External analysis of other graduate certificate programs as well as an assessment of the current public sector environment were conducted. Discussions and data were reviewed to determine:**

1. the interest in the public sector concerning a two years certificate program in public administration
2. appropriate curriculum for the four courses offered for the certificate degree

**\*Impact on existing programs and units across MAU and system, including GERs. We anticipate a positive impact on the UAS Master of Public Administration program in the following areas:**

1. articulation from the Graduate Certificate in Public Administration to the Master of Public Administration program
2. the Graduate Certificate in Public Administration program will help to strengthen the necessary link between the Master of Public Administration program at UAS to State of Alaska government agencies and departments
3. current MPA candidates will benefit from the added diversity of the students taking courses in the certificate program

**There are no anticipated negative impacts**

**What State Needs met by this program.**

**\*Information describing program need and why existing programs in UA system are not able to meet it.**

**Currently there is no Graduate Certificate in Public Administration offered in the UA system. This distance delivered certificate will provided opportunity for Alaskan public sector employees to seek an advanced certificate from their home communities. These students will be able to concurrently apply what they are learning in the courses to the positions they currently hold in the public sector**

**The Graduate Certificate in Public Administration will be comprised of the first four existing classes in the UAS MPA program.**

The proposed courses for the Graduate Certificate in Public Administration (12 credits) are as follows:

PADM 601 – Introduction to Public Administration  
PADM 610 – Organizational Theory and Behavior  
PADM 618 – Law for Public Managers  
PADM 624 – Human Resources Management

What are the Student opportunities and outcomes? Enrollment projections?

We are anticipating an initial enrollment of 6 students with at least a 50% articulating into the UAS MPA program. We are estimating enrollment for the graduate certificate to grow at a rate of approximately 10% a year.

Student opportunities are as follows:

- students in the graduate certificate program will be exposed to current public administration theory
- students will learn the value of integrating the theory in the field into their daily practice of public administration
- students will be exposed to other current MPA students who are employed in various fields in the Alaskan public sector. This will provided an opportunity for debate and discourse as well as the building of social networks.

Student outcomes are as follows:

- students in the graduate certificate program will enhance their analytical and critical thinking skills through assignments and class discussions
- students in the graduate certificate program will learn about democratic governance practices as well as important ethical issues.
- Students who complete the graduate certificate program will demonstrate competency in four of the core areas of public administration.

Describe Research opportunities:

Research opportunities will exist in the same manner as they currently exist in the four existing courses. Research in the current courses focuses mainly on applied research in the current environment of public administration

Describe Fiscal Plan for development and implementation:

\*Identify funding requirement, sources and plan to generate revenue and meet identified costs to include:

- \*Indirect costs to other units (e.g. GERs)  
There are no indirect costs to other units
- \*Faculty and Staff  
Due to the program using existing courses, no additional staff or faculty will be needed to implement the graduate certificate program.
- \*Technology, Facilities and Equipment  
Due to the program using existing courses, no additional technology, facilities and equipment will be needed to implement the graduate certificate program.

We anticipate additional tuition and fee revenue to be generated given the increase in enrollment of student credit hours due to the certificate.