

# Compare Capella University



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<p><b>University accreditation</b></p> <p>Is the university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education?</p>	<p>Capella is <u>accredited</u> by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), <a href="http://www.ncahlc.org">www.ncahlc.org</a>.</p> <p>Capella University, Capella Tower, 225 South Sixth Street, Ninth Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402; 1.888.CAPELLA (227.3552), <a href="http://www.capella.edu">www.capella.edu</a></p>	
<p><b>Program offerings</b></p> <p>Does the university offer a strong breadth of degree levels and specializations in your area of interest?</p>	<p>Graduate specializations for the public administration field:</p> <p>PhD: 3 DPA: 1 MPA: 1 MS: 2 MNML degree program MS/MPA joint degree program Certificates: 2</p> <p>Students in some MS or PhD programs may earn a concentration in a specific knowledge area.</p> <p>For more information, <a href="#">visit our website</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Professional standards</b></p> <p>How is the curriculum aligned with recognized professional standards?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public administration programs were designed around national public administration curriculum standards.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Employer credibility</b></p> <p>Will employers respect the credential you earn?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capella has education alliances with more than 100 employers, including U.S. Bank, Farmers Insurance Group, and Johnson &amp; Johnson.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Transfer credit</b></p> <p>Does the university value your prior academic experience?</p>	<p>You may gain credits for your prior education by transferring previous academic course work to your Capella degree program. You may be able to transfer up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>48 quarter credits toward a PhD.</li> <li>12 quarter credits toward a DPA.</li> <li>12 quarter credits toward a master's program.</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Learn more</a> about transfer credit at Capella.</p>	
<p><b>Flexibility</b></p> <p>How well is the university geared for working adults with full lives?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online learning format with no daily requirements or scheduled class times<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>10-week quarters followed by 2- to 3-week breaks.</li> <li>Quarterly start dates.</li> <li>Monthly start dates for MPA.</li> </ul>	

Call an enrollment counselor today at 1.888.CAPELLA (227.3552) to work together to find the best solution for you.

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<p><b>Cost</b> What is your financial investment?</p>	<p>Find tuition costs at <a href="http://www.capella.edu">www.capella.edu</a> by selecting a program and specialization.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to learn about possible ways to reduce your tuition costs through transfer credits, scholarships, and alliance discounts.</p>	
<p><b>Financing options</b> How does the university help you manage the cost of your education?</p>	<p>Capella financial aid counselors help Capella students in securing <u>financial aid</u>, such as student loans, <u>grants</u>, and <u>scholarships</u>, to help fund their education.</p>	
<p><b>Support services</b> How far does the university go to support your learning?</p>	<p>Capella offers a wide range of support, resources, and assistance to keep you on track toward your goals before you enroll, during your studies, and even after you graduate.</p> <p>Capella's support services surpass the national average in 16 key areas, according to the Priorities Survey for Online Learners (PSOL), a national survey of more than 68,000 online students at 87 educational institutions<sup>2</sup>.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> for an overview of Capella's support services.</p>	
<p><b>Clearly defined outcomes</b></p>	<p>When Capella develops a degree program, we start by defining the essential learning outcomes that we want every student in the program to achieve, based on academic standards and employers' insights about what it takes to excel in the field.</p>	

<sup>1</sup>PhD and some MS programs require five-day residential colloquia.  
<sup>2</sup>Results from the 2007 Priorities Survey for Online Learners.