

University of West Florida College of Professional Studies

Master of Science in Administration (MSA) “Acquisition and Contract Administration”

The Federal Office of Management and Budget in Policy Letter 05-01 indicates that, “The quality and effectiveness of the federal acquisition process depend on the development of a capable and competent workforce. Congress recognized the need for a professional workforce through the passage of the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act... [and other Acts] which established education, training, and experience requirements for entry and advancement in the acquisition career fields for the Department of Defense (DOD) and civilian agencies respectively.” Policy Letters have also been issued by the Office of Management and Budget that “established policies for skill-based training in contracting and purchasing duties for all executive agencies... [and]...established career management, education, and training requirements for contracting personnel in civilian executive agencies.” It is obvious that these federal regulations and policy rulings have great impact in the Northwest Florida region due to the large military presence. The University of West Florida has the opportunity to provide the training envisioned by Congress and the Office of Management and Budget via the Online Campus with this Master of Science in Administration – Acquisition and Contract Administration specialization. The Defense Acquisition University has granted equivalency status for two courses included in this specialization, and equivalency is anticipated for the remaining courses now included in the specialization. Additional courses are anticipated as demand under the Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act grows, both in DOD and civilian contractors. This program is 100% online and includes the following courses:

Common Business Core Requirements are available from the degree plan: <http://uwf.edu/catalog/msa.pdf>

Acquisition and Contract Administration Specialization

PAD 5635 Government Contract Law

PAD 5855 Acquisition Administration

PAD 5862 Government Cost and Pricing Analysis

PAD 6227 Public Budgeting

PAD 6275 Political Economy of Public Administration

6000 level advisor approved Advanced Contract Administration Elective

Choose one:

PAD 6946 Acquisition Administration Internship

6000 level advisor approved Public Administration (PAD) Elective

Go to web site for more information: <http://uwf.edu/msaprogram/msa-acq.cfm>

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To learn more about UWF and how to get started in this exciting program visit the following links:

Accreditation: The University of West Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Admission: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/apply.cfm>. Deadlines for Applications and Supporting Documents: Fall Semester – June 30th; Spring Semester – November 1st; Summer Semester – April 1st. If you would like to begin online courses before the formal degree application process is concluded, please complete and submit the: [Non-Degree Student Documentation](#).

Tuition: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/affordable/tuition.cfm>. Non-Florida residents are eligible for an Out-of-State tuition waiver upon request. [Out-of-State Tuition Fee Waiver Form](#).

Financial Aid: <http://onlinecampus.uwf.edu/getstarted/financialaid.cfm>.

Video Visit the UWF Campus: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=0XX9JnM5njw>