

The Mission Statement of the Master of Public Administration & Policy Analysis Program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

The SIUE MPA program prepares persons for administrative careers in the public and nonprofit sectors. Serving precareer and practitioner students, the program offers relevant education and training for those already employed in the public and nonprofit sectors and those planning to enter careers in government and nonprofit organizations. The program provides a means for improving the knowledge, skills, and abilities of present and future public and nonprofit employees while providing an opportunity to earn a professional degree in public administration.

The SIUE MPA faculty fully recognizes and accepts their commitment to the field of public administration and the needs of those serving within the field and served by the field. As such, the PAPA Department's mission is posited in the context of five elements:

1. To offer a core curriculum of applied management skill courses, and a rich variety of electives that provide students the opportunity to select courses consistent with their professional needs or interests.
2. To serve as a resource to advance the quality of the professional practice in public and nonprofit agencies in the regional service area.
3. To create an environment in which learning, scholarship and service are consistently promoted and modified to reflect the needs of those served by the program.
4. To enhance diversification in the MPA program.
5. To respect students, promote fair treatment for all, and instill a commitment to ethical behavior in the performance of public service duties.

This mission statement is reflective and subordinate to those offered by the College of Arts and Sciences (in which the PAPA Department is housed), the SIUE Graduate School, and the vision and mission of SIUE.

SIUE Vision: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, as a premier Metropolitan University, will be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.

SIUE Mission: Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a public comprehensive university dedicated to the communication, expansion, and integration of knowledge through excellent undergraduate education as its first priority and complementary excellent graduate and professional academic programs; through the scholarly, creative, and research activity of its faculty, staff, and students; and through public service and cultural and arts programming in its region.

SIUE Graduate School: The purpose of graduate education at SIUE is to provide students with the intellectual ability to understand, create, integrate, and apply sophisticated discipline-specific knowledge. Because knowledge is dynamic, students are additionally expected to learn the intellectual system of the discipline, that is the discipline's system of thinking, knowing, and acting,

in order to acquire and evaluate further knowledge.

SIUE College of Arts and Sciences: A CAS education is a journey of intellectual transformation in which students explore a diversity of ideas, experiences, and people.