



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Graduate Diploma in Public Administration

An Exciting New Opportunity for Canadian Local Government Professionals

Western's Local Government Program (LGP) is thrilled to announce a new online stream of its acclaimed Graduate Diploma in Public Administration (GDPA). Taught by some of Canada's top local government academics and practitioners, Western's GDPA is the go-to program for mid-career local government professionals who seek a rigorous, highly interactive opportunity to develop their policy skills, management knowledge, and leadership potential.

Western's Local Government Program: A Leader in the Field

Over 1,000 local government leaders have received an education through Western since 1974. Graduates of our GDPA and Masters' programs occupy top positions in local governments in Ontario and throughout Canada. We are the only program in the country that offers a graduate education in local government management. Our small class sizes, award-winning instructors, and high academic standards all ensure outstanding educational value for those taking our programs.

The Online GDPA: Why now?

As local governments address unprecedented challenges associated with COVID-19, understanding the big picture is more important than ever. Our online stream makes the Western LGP experience accessible for local government professionals across Canada during this tumultuous time. Retaining the small class sizes, academic rigour, and interactive learning format that have been our hallmarks over the years, the online GDPA allows you to affordably access the best graduate education in the local government field, no matter where you are.

Dates and Structure of the Program

The new online Graduate DPA will start in September 2020. Students will take two online courses in the fall term, two online courses in the winter term, and write a supervised final research paper in summer 2021.

September–December 2020

- PA 9901 – Advanced Local Government
- PA 9903 – Organizational Behaviour

January–April 2021

- PA 9902 – Policy Process in Local Government
- PA 9904 – Local Government Management

May–August 2021

- PA 9930 – Supervised Research Report

For More Information

For more details on GDPA course content and instructors, see:

<https://localgovernment.uwo.ca/diploma/online/index.html>
<https://localgovernment.uwo.ca/people/faculty/index.html>

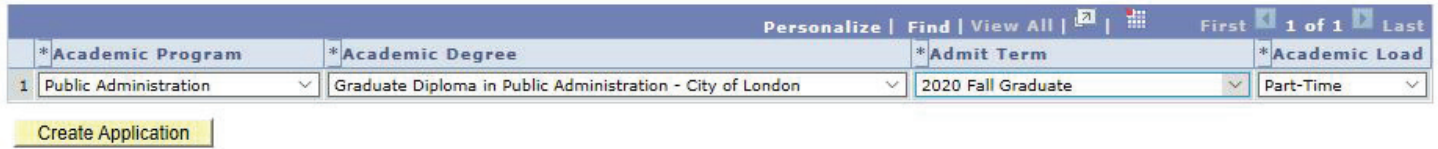
Cost

Tuition is per course and is expected to be about \$1000.00, including most fees. That puts the total cost of the Graduate DPA at around \$5000.00.

How to Apply

Interested applicants can apply online at between June 10 and July 6.

Start the online application here: <https://grad.uwo.ca/admissions/apply.html>



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a blue header bar containing navigation links: 'Personalize', 'Find', 'View All', and 'First 1 of 1 Last'. Below the header is a table with four columns: '*Academic Program', '*Academic Degree', '*Admit Term', and '*Academic Load'. The first row of the table has dropdown menus with the following selected values: 'Public Administration', 'Graduate Diploma in Public Administration - City of London', '2020 Fall Graduate', and 'Part-Time'. Below the table is a yellow button labeled 'Create Application'.

Once you are in the application select the following:

- Academic Program: Public Administration
- Academic Degree: Graduate Diploma in Public Administration - City of London
- Admit Term: 2020 Fall Graduate
- Academic Load: Part-Time

For more information visit: <https://localgovernment.uwo.ca/diploma/online/index.html>

What Our Students Say

In May 2020, we responded to physical distancing measures by offering our first-ever online courses to new and mid-program GDPA and MPA students. This is what some of them had to say about the experience:

“I recently participated in the 9902 course and would highly recommend it to anyone considering online learning. It was a very effective course with an excellent learning atmosphere and an outstanding opportunity for networking. Overall I had an extremely positive experience and I am looking forward to the next online course!”

– Doug Saccoccia, P.Eng.
Assistant Manager, Engineering & Design,
Peterborough County

“I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of learning online as it offers a number of advantages that work well in managing work/life balance for busy, working professionals in the public sector. The course interaction and class discussions are equally enriching and engaging regardless of it being online. It’s also advantageous as I can be in “class” (virtually) anywhere I want as long as there’s sufficient WiFi capability.”

– David Legaspi
Contracts Analyst, Regional Municipality of Peel

“I took the Advanced Local Government and Policy Process in Local Government courses of the GDPA program online in May 2020. I think the instructors and the program administrators did an amazing job, especially given that they had so little time to adjust those on-premise courses to the new online format due to COVID-19 pandemic. The online format did not produce any hindrances, quite the opposite - it facilitated the learning process through the ability to refer back to online lectures and through online exercises and exceptionally relevant and interesting assignments. At the same time, we did not miss out much on the in-person communications because we had excellent online discussions as a whole class and in individual groups. I highly recommend those courses in the online format.”

– Irina Melikhova
Information Management Lead, City of Toronto

“I found the online version of the course to be magnificent. The pre-recorded lectures and live recap lectures were unbelievably useful - if you missed anything you could watch the lecture over again and if you had questions you could get them answered live. I really enjoyed it and would love for it to continue in this fashion.”

– Harman Malhi
Manager, Markham Public Library