More than 400 alumni have careers as administrators, policy analysts, researchers, advocates, elected officials, and non-profit managers. PPA alumni have worked for a wide variety of employers such as:

**Local government agencies:**
- City of Sacramento Police Department
- El Dorado County Local Agency Formation Commission
- Layton City, Utah, Department of Economic and Community Development
- Yolo County Administrator’s Office

**State government agencies:**
- California Department of Education
- California Department of Finance
- California Department of Health Care Services
- California State Assembly
- California State Auditor
- California State Senate
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- Governor’s Office of Business & Economic Development
- Legislative Analyst’s Office

**Federal & national government agencies:**
- United States Army
- United States Federal Bureau of Investigation
- United States Department of State
- New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment

**Non-profit organizations:**
- California Common Cause
- California State Association of Counties
- Public Policy Institute of California
- Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- WEAVE (Women Escaping a Violent Environment)

**Private firms and companies:**
- Bank of America
- Capitol Advocacy
- Google
- Walgreens
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We accept applications between October 1 and March 1 for admission into the following fall’s class.

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- A written statement of purpose
- Three letters of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Completed prerequisite undergraduate courses in microeconomics and American government/political science (or pending completion before enrollment in the Master’s program)
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Academic Core (27–30 units)
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Public Administration
- Public Management and Administration (2 courses covering 6 units)

Research Methods
- Research in Public Policy and Administration (3 units)
- Quantitative Methods (3 units)

Internship (3 units)
- Required only for those with less than 1 year of public service experience

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