



Continue Your Career Goals while Distance Learning at Catholic University



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Agenda



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Learn today what you can apply tomorrow...



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MSPS Core Values

What are the benefits of continuing education?

According to a 2015 Northeastern University study, continuing education programs led to economic stability and higher job satisfaction of students and graduates.

In the study, students and graduates reported the following as a result of their participation and/or completion of continuing education:

- Increased marketability
- Greater career opportunities
- Higher income

Why Continue My Education?



Personal Satisfaction and Career Growth

CUA MSPS Certificate and Degree Programs

CUA MSPS certificate and degree programs prepare students for leadership and managerial roles in all fields, particularly the following:

- Early Childhood Education (Associate's Degree)
- General Studies (Associate's Degree)
- Human Services (Certificate + Associate's Degree)
- Information Technology (Certificate + Associate's Degree)
- Management (Associate's Degree)
- Paralegal Studies (Certificate + Associate's Degree)

Certificate and Degree Programs

Streamlining Eligibility

CUA MSPS streamlines the process for older youth and adults to apply:

- Degree/certificate programs require a minimum of a high school diploma or GED.

CUA MSPS reduces barriers to postsecondary education and/or training:

- No previous college experience is required.
- No placement exams are required/ No Graduate Record Examination (GRE) requirements for graduate applicants for summer and Fall 2021.

Eligibility Requirements

Career Pathways/Employment

Increase your skills and workplace qualifications. Begin with a **certificate** in:

- **Information Technology**
- **Paralegal Studies**
- **Human Services Administration**

If you hold a bachelor's degree, strengthen your credentials with a graduate certificate in:

- **Federal Contract Management**
- **Project Management**

Career Pathways/Employment

Career Pathways/Employment - Paralegal

Since Fall 2020, several paralegal students reported finding employment as a result of their enrollment in and completion of the CUA MSPS Paralegal Studies Certificate program and the earning of the Paralegal Certificate.

In addition to these Paralegal Certificate Program benefits:

- Earn your certificate in 1 year;
- Learn from experts with real world experience in the law;
- Flexible evening classes available for working adults;
- Prepare for an immediate career in a paralegal office; and
- Individualized attention and small class sizes.

Participants in all CUA MSPS programs benefit from:

- Professional development opportunities and
- The Catholic University professional network.

Career Pathways/Employment (cont.)

Career Pathways/Employment - Paralegal (cont.)



[Meet Chad Smith, Esq., Director of Legal Programs and learn about the CUA MSPS Legal Programs](#)

CUA MSPS Legal Programs

Associate's Degrees

Earn a certificate and earn academic credits that can be applied toward an Associate's Degree in:

- Early Childhood Education
- General Studies
- Human Service Administration
- Information Technology
- Paralegal Studies
- Management

Career Pathways/Employment (cont.)

Bachelor's Degrees

Use credits from your Associate's Degree and apply them towards a Bachelor's Degree in:

- General Studies (Interdisciplinary Studies path allows you to transfer in a maximum of 84 credits earned from other institutions)
- Human Services Administration
- Management
- Information Technology
- Social Work

Career Pathways/Employment (cont.)

Non-Credit Programs

- Spanish for Health Care Professionals (online only)
- SHRM Certification for Human Resources professionals
- Certified Financial Planner
- Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification



Career Development Programs

Where do CUA MSPS students and graduates work?



Employment

"Everything I have done in my MSM program has allowed me to enhance my skillset and build confidence in my abilities."

-Ayana Rochee



"Since entering the MSM program, I have learned to use my time with purpose at work. In addition to setting aside time for classes and homework assignments, I am also taking on more training opportunities in the workplace."

-Deborah Lee

Enroll at MSPS and Meet Your Career Goals

Student Outcomes



"The Master of Science in Management (MSM) program has provided me the knowledge foundation required to go forward into the government sector with confidence. As a student, I secured a government internship which has provided on-the-job training and time in service to allow my entrance into a full-time position at a higher career service level."

-Mike Chabala

Student Outcomes

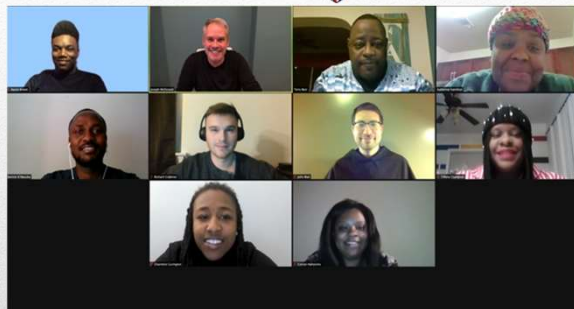
Student Perspectives



Hear from CUA MSPS Students

Student Perspectives

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Course Delivery During a Global Pandemic

Scholarships and DC Government Discounts

- All undergraduates will be considered for the 2021-2022 Sheehy Scholarship.
- St. Patrick's Scholarship available for Paralegal Studies students.
- Early Childhood Education students will be eligible for a full scholarship.
- Change Agent Scholarship ([for graduate Metro Administration degree applicants](#))
 - Emergency Service
 - Health Administration
 - Social Service Administration
- All DC and Federal Government employees receive a 10% discount.

Scholarships and DC Government Discounts

How to Apply

- Online Application
- Statement of Purpose
- Resume
- 1 Letter of recommendation for Associate's and Bachelor's Degree applicants
- 2 Letters of recommendation for Master's Degree applicants
- Official Transcripts
- Application Fee – CUA MSPS waives the application fee for webinar attendees, including the April 27, 2021 OSSE Adult and Family Education and UDC Mini-Professional Development Institute. To redeem the fee waiver, email metropolitan@cua.edu once you have started your application.

Application Requirements

Financial Assistance Options

- Federal Financial Aid (student.aid.edu.gov)
 - Grants
 - Subsidized & Unsubsidized Loans
 - FAFSA <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Commercial Loans
- Employer Tuition Benefits
- GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon
- For ALL D.C. and Federal. Government Employees
 - 10% Scholarship towards tuition

Financial Aid

Summer and Fall 2021 Key Dates

Summer 2021

- Final Application Deadline – May 5, 2021
- Classes Begin – May 10, 2021

Fall 2021

- Final Application Deadline – August 1, 2021
- Classes Begin – August 28, 2021

Application fee waivers available for all DC government employees.

Please note that applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis even after priority deadlines.

Key Dates



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What degree should I earn?
How long will it take?
Do I have to take classes online or in-person?
Is the class experience the same online as it is in person?
How do I apply for financial aid?

Continuing Your Education at Catholic University MSPS

Q & A



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