APPLICATION COMPONENTS

- U.S. bachelor’s degree or equivalent
- At least 10 years of professional experience, including 7 years of management-level experience
- Application and essays
- Transcript from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- GRE or GMAT recommended but not required
- TOEFL or IELTS Exam (if bachelor’s program not conducted in English)
- $85 application fee
- Video essay (optional)

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FOR PUBLIC SERVICE LEADERS

WHERE EXPERIENCE, EXPOSURE, AND EDUCATION COMBINE
TO LAUNCH POWERFUL CAREERS WITH SOCIAL IMPACT

Whether you’re looking to make a sector change, expand your skill set, or accelerate your career path, the EMPA program prepares seasoned professionals to lead and manage with impact in public service. Graduates are empowered to take on leadership roles at nonprofit, government, philanthropic, and private sector organizations. The degree offers:

- Rigorous analytic tools and skills that provide a FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION to address complex public service challenges.
- The FLEXIBILITY to customize your course of study and complete your degree on Saturdays and/or weekdays in less than one year (full-time) or two years (part-time).
- Access to an EXPANSIVE PROFESSIONAL NETWORK of leaders and institutions at the forefront of changing and implementing public policy.

FINANCIAL AID

NYU Wagner will assess all applicants for merit-based scholarship opportunities. Approximately 20 percent of students receive a merit award for the duration of their degree program. There are two Executive Leaders Scholarships available to EMPA students only. Students interested in merit aid consideration are encouraged to submit their applications early. For more information about financial aid, please contact us at WAGNER.FINANCIALAID@NYU.EDU.

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“I am passionate about equality, justice, and New York. The faculty at NYU Wagner prepared me to be an effective advocate for all three. NYU Wagner is part of the fabric of NYC and its alumni network is at the table and leading some of the most important conversations in this city.”

- ALAN VAN CAPELLE, EMPA 2012
President and Chief Executive Officer, Educational Alliance
UNIQUE PROGRAM FEATURES

DISTINGUISHED PRACTITIONER PROFESSIONAL SPEAKER SERIES. The intimate, seminar-style lunchtime speaker series features leaders whose careers and influence span sectors. Past speakers include leaders from the US and European governments, NYC Mayor’s Office, Echoing Green, the Open Society Foundations, and Association for a Better New York.

COACHING AND SKILLS WORKSHOPS. Executive coaching teaches cross-sector leadership techniques that are critical for success in every role, and private coaching sessions help students address their own professional challenges. Students also attend executive-level workshops on presentation and writing skills.

ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Students must complete nine courses, comprising three required and six elective courses.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:
- Strategic Leadership for Public Service Organizations - learn to better manage an organization to its mission under resource constraints
- Financial Decision-Making and Management - hone financial planning and statement analysis skills to improve operating results
- Leadership Confronted Seminar - develop a personalized action plan for leadership

SAMPLE ELECTIVE COURSES:
- Multi-Sector Partnerships
- Conflict Management and Negotiation
- Fundamentals of Fundraising
- Current Issues in Health Policy
- Leveraging Nonprofit Boards for Organizational Success

A full list of courses can be found at WAGNER.NYU.EDU/COURSES/LISTINGS.

For more information about the program, visit WAGNER.NYU.EDU/EMPA.

SCHEDULE OPTIONS

EMPA courses are offered on weekday evenings and Saturdays. All EMPA students are required to attend a two-day New Student Orientation and a four-day Strategic Leadership course before the fall semester begins. All students have the opportunity to participate in executive coaching and skills workshops on Saturdays, as well as other events happening at NYU Wagner throughout the week.

Students can complete the program in one year (late August-May) attending full-time, or two years attending part-time.

ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME SATURDAY OPTION:
Students who elect to complete the EMPA program in one year on Saturdays ONLY should keep in mind the following:
- Attendance is required from 9:00am-6:00pm for 14 Saturdays in the fall and 14 Saturdays in the spring.
- Students choose electives from a select list of courses available on Saturdays.
- Individual courses meet on alternating Saturdays.

SATURDAY PROGRAM SAMPLE SCHEDULE (FALL 2015):

SESSION A*

9:30am-12:30pm
ELECTIVE COURSE
Performance Measurement & Management

12:40pm-2:20pm
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

2:30pm-6:00pm
CORE COURSE
Financial Decision-Making & Management

SESSION B†

9:30am-12:30pm
ELECTIVE COURSE
Intersection of Operations & Policy

12:40pm-2:20pm
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

2:30pm-6:00pm
ELECTIVE COURSE
Design Thinking

*In fall 2015, Session A meets seven times: September 5 and 19; October 3, 17, and 31; November 14; and December 12.
†In fall 2015, Session B meets seven times: September 12 and 26; October 10 and 24; November 7 and 21; and December 5.

"After 10 years of working in the private and public sectors in Chile, I wanted to learn how to scale social projects. NYU Wagner’s rigorous management skills training and strong ties to the social sector is helping me to achieve that."

- JORGE SAHD, EMPA 2015
Founder, Prácticas para Chile; Former Chief of Staff & Undersecretary of Finance, Chilean Government