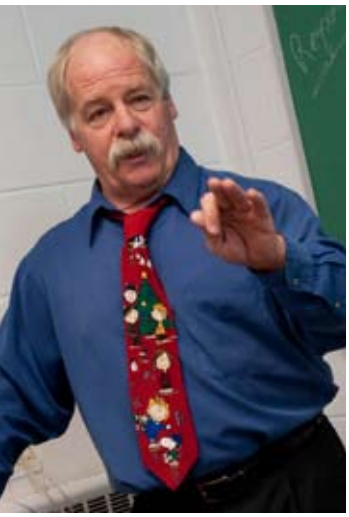

New England College

School of Graduate and Professional Studies

Master of Arts in Public Policy

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The **Master of Arts in Public Policy (MAPP)** program prepares students for understanding the intellectual foundations for key public policy discussions and how the outcomes affect change in the political process. As a "hot spot" on the campaign trail for politicians, New England College offers a Public Policy program for those with a keen desire to make a difference. Students will learn how citizens and governments interact and how to develop the skill set to become a participant who can influence government at the national, state, and local levels.

"I think the diversity of the experiences and geography of the students really helped me to gain a better perspective on the issues. It was great to know that people everywhere were thinking about the same issues and grappling with solutions." ~ Deidra Reese `10

Program Information

The **MAPP** program consists of eight courses and a capstone project for a total of 36 credits. Students complete the program in less than two years. Students focus on one, seven-week course each term. This course delivery method is specifically designed for working professionals who want to make the most efficient use of their time.

Program Outcomes

- A clear understanding of the origins of American political institutions and thought, as well as a foundation in ethics and leadership;
- A strong understanding of the key governmental institutions that formulate and implement public policy in our society, including: congress, the judiciary, the presidency, and state and local governments, the role America plays on the world stage, and how our public policy decisions and actions have an impact around the globe;
- An in-depth grasp of the political process in America, including the mechanics of campaigns, elections, campaign finance, and the media. In addition, students will be introduced to the political and policy implications of persistent questions of class, poverty, and race in America and the impact these have on the pursuit of the "American Dream;
- An ability to effectively analyze public policy issues, including basic economic analysis, the ability to present arguments persuasively and logically, and to write and speak clearly, and convincingly.
- Finally, it is an over arching goal that students in the MAPP program have a renewed desire to play a constructive role in the community by promoting and expanding the common good.

Core Courses

- Origins of American Democracy
- Class, Poverty and Race in America
- Economic Analysis
- Environmental Politics and Policy
- America and the World
- Ethics in Government
- Governmental Policy Makers
- Campaigns and Elections
- Capstone I-IV (1 credit each)

Application Requirements

To apply, submit the online NEC Graduate School application (www.nec.edu), personal statement, official college transcripts and 1 letter of recommendation.* No GRE scores are required.

*The admissions committee reserves the right to require other admission documents and will inform those applicants of that requirement during the enrollment process.

Financial Aid Information

For comprehensive information on financial aid for graduate school, visit:
www.nec.edu/sgps/financial-services

Admission

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New England College

Student Financial Services

Financial Assistance Application Procedures

Students enrolled in New England College graduate programs are eligible to apply for Federal Financial Aid.

To be eligible to borrow funds under the Federal Stafford Loan program you must:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Not be in default on prior educational loans
- Be enrolled in an eligible program at least half time
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

Step 1: **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov.** You will need your 2010 Federal Tax Return, federal PIN number (www.pin.ed.gov) and NEC's school code 002579. Graduate students are considered independent for financial aid purposes.

Step 2: **Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)** for accuracy which you will receive after the FAFSA is submitted. Any changes should be made by logging back into your FAFSA.

Step 3: Approximately one third of FAFSA's will be selected for the process known as "Verification." If your file is selected, NEC will request additional documentation from you. Be sure to submit all requested documents and allow time for your financial aid counselor to review them.

Step 4: **You will receive your NEC financial aid award notice.** This lists the financial aid that you qualify for. If you wish to decline all or a portion of the award, notify the office in writing. **Be sure to read all terms of the award and discuss any questions with your financial aid counselor.**

Step 5: **Complete the Graduate & Online Financial Aid Funding Option Form.** The form is available through your MyNEC account or www.nec.edu/student-financial-services/forms.

Step 6: For first-time NEC Stafford loan borrowers, complete online **Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling** and the **Stafford Master Promissory Note** at https://studentloans.gov.

Step 7: Review the **affordable options** for any difference between the financial aid package and the cost of attendance. Consult your financial aid counselor.

Questions?
Contact the Office of Student Financial Services at (603) 428-2226 or sfs@nec.edu

Financial aid funds are disbursed after the start of the term and when all requirements are satisfied. Invoices, financial aid awards and outstanding requirements may be accessed online through MyNEC.

Other funding may be available from employers, professional associations, or private vendors.