

MASTER OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT

On Time, On Budget,
and On Target.



Western
Carolina
UNIVERSITY

College of Business

On Time, On Budget, and On Target: Earn Your Master of Project Management (MPM)

Western Carolina University's fully accredited, online Master of Project Management (MPM) Program offers top-quality, graduate-level training for mid-career project managers and other professionals who aspire to advance in their project management careers.

The MPM degree is accredited by the Project Management Institute (PMI) and is the first master's degree of its kind in the United States at a nationally accredited institution. Additional accreditations include the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

The MPM program is a 36 credit hour program advancing your project management leadership skills through online learning and research. You will receive a proven and collaborative approach to learning that mirrors the demands of a real cross-functional business environment.

Elevate Your Project Management Career

Learn from deeply engaged faculty with years of experience as educators and thought leaders in the project management field. Our faculty members have doctoral degrees and PMP certification from the Project Management Institute (PMI) and/or Lean Six Sigma.

We provide students with an affordable, high-quality education that carries all the prestige of the UNC system.

Elevate your career with an MPM degree consistently ranked among the United States' Top 5 Best Buys in project management.



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Contact an admissions officer at (828)227-7398
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WHERE WILL YOUR MASTER OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT DEGREE TAKE YOU?

The skills you will learn from this program will allow you to work in a variety of industries like healthcare, high tech, government, and consulting services, to name a few. Many students move on to execute projects and programs for companies representing a diverse number of goods and services.

Program Highlights



WCU offers some of the lowest tuition costs in North Carolina



Earn your degree in as little as 24 months



Fully online program



GMAT/GRE is NOT required



Top 5 "Best Buy" among U.S. graduate programs in project management



Part of the 6% of universities accredited by AACSB



Accredited by the PMI's Global Accreditation Center (GAC)



First MPM degree to be accredited by the Project Management Institute and AACSB



Our faculty members have doctoral degrees as well as project management certifications

What Makes Our MPM Program Unique?

- Learn the highly sought-after soft skills all project management professionals need to succeed in their careers
- Work and learn through virtual project teams
- Gain a broad project management perspective (i.e., not industry-specific)
- Learn from academically qualified and professionally experienced international faculty
- The first program to be accredited by PMI (1983)
- The first Master of Project Management program to be accredited by PMI Global Accreditation Center (GAC) and currently accredited through 2027

What Can You Do with This Degree?

The Master of Project Management degree is designed to prepare Business Ready® graduates for a successful career in the business industry, government, and not-for-profit institutions.

Depending on your industry, you might seek a job in any of the following roles:

- Project Manager
- Senior Project Manager
- Program Manager
- PMO Director
- Director of PPM



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WHAT OUR ALUMNI HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Students are given many opportunities to build relationships and future professional networks with their peers. Hear what our graduates have to say about the MPM program:

Alumna Testimonial

The Master of Project Management Program at Western Carolina University allowed me to advance my career in an area that I am most passionate about through instruction, team building, and networking. The professors provided industry insight and were knowledgeable on real-world project management solutions.

There was a focus on teamwork throughout the program, which expanded on the professor's instructions and allowed me to learn from my classmates about other industries' best practices, and broadened my scope.

Western Carolina's Master of Project Management Program was extremely convenient and flexible for my needs as a working professional and family-oriented student.

**–Karalee Waltrip, MPM Alumna
Senior Program Manager, Growth Organization Strategic
Initiatives, Omnicell**



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Alumna Testimonial

I am proud to say that WCU has the finest project management program available. At the local PMI chapter, I have compared notes with others who have taken similar programs and by far this one is tops.

**–Angela Boyette, MPM Alumna
BB&T, Infrastructure Project Manager**

Alumnus Testimonial

The opportunity to work the lessons into my schedule was crucial, and this program has allowed me to pick up valuable pointers that can easily be applied to my work responsibilities.

We all know that the principles of project management can be applied to many of the issues we face daily, and I would highly recommend this program to anyone that has an interest in becoming a more skilled project manager.

**–Joseph Pratt, MPM Alumnus
Manager of Operations, Research Computing
Division, Research Triangle Institute International**



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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

You will complete six hours of graduate credit in each 16-week term. All students begin the program with the PM 650 course.

Project Management Courses (36 credit hours)

- **PM 650: The Project Management Mindset and Project Teams**
- **PM 652: Project Selection, Initiation, and Legal Considerations**
- **PM 654: Project Planning**
- **PM 656: Project Execution**
- **PM 658: Project Closeout, Ethics, and Approaches**
- **PM 660: Advanced Topics in Project Management**



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



The MPM program is a two-year program designed for project management professionals with a minimum of two years of project management work experience. Students can begin the program in August or January.

Minimum Admissions Requirements:



Undergraduate degree



Relevant work experience, shown via submitted resume



A goal statement



Recommendation from a current or past employer

Application Deadlines: Aug. 1, Dec. 15

How to Apply

Applicants can [apply online](#) through the Graduate School at WCU.

Additional Admissions Information

Please visit the [MPM program page](#) to get the most up-to-date admissions information by following these links:

- [Application Deadlines](#)
- [Admissions Requirements](#)
- [Attend an Upcoming Virtual Open House](#)



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AFFORDABLE PAYMENT OPTIONS TO FIT YOUR BUDGET

Financial Assistance and Tuition Rates

With some of the most competitive graduate tuition rates in North Carolina, we keep affordability and accessibility a priority. We make it easy for you to elevate your career prospects while seizing the opportunity to earn an affordable degree.

View our [tuition and fee](#) rates online. Look for the “graduate business” category (students using military benefits may get special rates, listed under the “military graduate business” category).

Federal student loans are available by applying through [FAFSA.gov](#), and the university offers a payment plan. Be sure to list WCU’s school code (002981). The WCU FAFSA priority filing date is January 1 for the following Fall semester.

Scholarships are available to all students, with a university-wide application deadline of February 1, and a College of Business graduate scholarship deadline of June 30, for the upcoming academic year. To learn more about scholarships and how to apply, visit our [scholarships webpage](#).

International Applicants

As a fully online program, we welcome candidates from around the world to study from their home countries. International applications are evaluated based upon English language proficiency and prior coursework / degree equivalencies.

Approved transcript evaluation agencies and more information on international applicant requirements are available by visiting [internationalgrad.wcu.edu](#).



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WHAT CAN WCU OFFER YOU AND YOUR FUTURE?

Tucked away in the mountains of western North Carolina, WCU is a close-knit community of faculty and students working together to build a global network. With more than 11,500 students attending Cullowhee, Asheville, and online programs, WCU offers a large network of students and alumni locally and across the country (and around the world!) to leverage for future networking opportunities.

WCU has more than 120 undergraduate majors and concentrations and more than 40 graduate programs focusing on high-demand degrees, including various programs in business, engineering, science, healthcare, education, humanities, and the arts.

WCU's College of Business Graduate Programs provide a diverse range of graduate degrees and certificates for recent graduates and working professionals. We focus on developing the relevant skills, experience, and leadership acumen needed to advance in an increasingly competitive global economy.

Relationships Matter to Us

WCU College of Business faculty value one-on-one relationships with students, supporting them throughout their graduate experience and continuing to offer mentorship after the graduation caps have been thrown and tassels turned to the other side.

Our professors share deep business wisdom and offer a rich experience to empower students in their careers now and well into the future. We aim to foster lasting relationships with alumni and local businesses to keep our community thriving together.

Why Enroll at WCU College of Business?

Our accredited and devoted faculty are the #1 reason students love their graduate experience at WCU.

Our programs are built around deeply engaged faculty who not only have years of experience as educators but are also leaders in their respective fields, bringing their diverse knowledge directly into each classroom.

We believe education should be accessible and affordable for anyone dedicated and willing to learn. WCU offers students an affordable, high-quality education that carries all the prestige of the UNC system.



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World-Class Faculty

More than 94% of the faculty members in the College of Business hold doctoral degrees representing 38 different universities. Beyond the classroom, senior faculty members publish research, work in public service, and provide private consulting. Faculty members are also active in professional organizations and serve as editors for professional and academic journals.

Real-World Education and Experience

Our programs offer an immersive learning environment with a proven and collaborative approach that mirrors the demands of dynamic business environments. We focus on expanding critical thinking, decision-making, and problem-solving skills so you can leave the program feeling confident in your next career move. You will emerge personally and professionally empowered to pursue a career as an entrepreneur, thought leader, or star employee.

Flexibility

Whether you are a working professional looking to move up the ranks in your field, or a recent undergraduate who wants an educational advantage as you enter the workforce, our programs are designed for your individual needs.

Accreditations

WCU's Master of Project Management (MPM) program is accredited by the Project Management Institute (PMI)'s Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Program ([GAC](#)). The mission of GAC is to advance excellence in project management education worldwide. The organization's primary objective is to 'ensure that GAC accredited programs prepare students to meet the current and anticipated needs of businesses and government organizations for qualified professionals working in the field.'

Western Carolina University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Baccalaureate, Master's, and Doctorate Degrees.

WCU's College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the premier global accrediting agency for business programs. Less than 6% of business schools have AACSB accreditation for their graduate and undergraduate programs.



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