If an official transcript is not available at the time of your application, please submit an unofficial copy while ordering official transcripts from your undergraduate college or university.

5. Provide 3 letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with your work, at least one of whom is from a supervisor currently working with you in a professional context. Use the forms included with the application.

6. Provide a resume of professional activities that demonstrates substantial practical experience (paid or volunteer) in public or community service.

7. Include with your application and required materials (see procedures 2-6) a nonrefundable application fee of $80 (for domestic applicants) or $100 (international applicants). Please make your payment by check or money order, payable to UMass Boston.

Send the originals of your application and required materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

For questions about the application process, contact
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University of Massachusetts Boston
UMass Boston’s diverse and focused student body creates an atmosphere of open inquiry and lively discussion ideal for higher learning. Graduate study includes more than 40 master’s degree programs, 25 graduate certificate programs, and 16 doctoral programs—a breadth of subject matter that enhances the opportunities for graduate-level study.
The master of science degree is for you if—

You need a graduate degree to land your dream job or advance in your current organization

Many of our graduates attribute their great new positions or advancement in their current organizations to their acquisition of the MS in Human Services degree.

You want to start right away

We admit students in the fall and spring semesters. You can also complete up to two courses as a non-degree student before applying.

You need to further develop your management and planning skills in human services

Our curriculum offers practical knowledge in a variety of areas vital to the successful functioning of human services leadership professionals, including supervision, performance monitoring, organizational and managerial development, financial management, marketing, strategic planning, fundraising, research, and evaluation.

You are a busy person with many responsibilities, but still want to pursue graduate education

Our courses are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings, with just one Saturday course, allowing students to more easily balance their professional and personal responsibilities.

You want a high-quality graduate education at a reasonable cost

Our tuition and fees are substantially lower than those required by other institutions. We offer financial aid in the form of low-cost loans. We also offer research and teaching assistantships, which provide a partial reduction in tuition and fees as well as a small cash stipend.

You want to learn with and from a diverse community of learners from a variety of fields

Our students range from recent recipients of bachelor degrees to mid-career professionals with diverse interests and backgrounds. Our students and alumni consistently tell us how much they enjoy the classroom camaraderie as well as the strong bonds they form with fellow students.

You want accessible instructors who are highly qualified in research and practice

Our accomplished faculty are committed to human services scholarship, practice, and education, always responsive to student needs, and committed to student success. They offer their experiences in a variety of fields, including planning, management, social policy, substance abuse, family violence, child welfare, criminal justice, research methodology, financial management, fundraising, and program evaluation.

You are devoted to social justice and want a graduate experience and degree with a similar viewpoint

Our program's guiding principles promote the development of human potential, accountability in the use of resources, and advocacy for change to eliminate social and economic inequities.

What Our Graduates Do

Here is a sampling of positions our alumni have held:

• Social Worker, State Agency
• Therapy Specialist, Internationally Renowned Hospital
• Program Specialist, Federal Agency

• Director of Residential Services, Residential Facility for Developmentally Disabled Adults
• Director, Senior Leadership Development, Northeast Utilities
• Field Services Coordinator, State Agency
• Family Interventionist, Mental Health Agency

Program Requirements

Our program builds on the intellectual and professional traditions of public administration, social planning, and social work. You are required to complete twelve courses and a capstone experience, as listed below.

• Six interdisciplinary core courses addressing policy, ethics, cultural competence, research, information technology, and legal issues.
• Four courses in an area of concentration: management, planning, or a combination.
• Two elective courses, either in human services or in another area of graduate study at UMass Boston.
• A capstone experience that integrates the content of your learning in a final independent project focused on policy analysis and program development.

Some part-time graduate assistantships are awarded on the basis of ability and financial need. Each student awarded an assistantship may receive a partial tuition waiver and a small stipend.

Bringing Together Scholars, Students, and Practitioners to Share a Dialogue

For more information, visit www.cpcs.umb.edu/mshs or contact Sylvia Mignon, Program Director, at 617.287.7384 or sylvia.mignon@umb.edu.