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Massachusetts Municipal Association & Suffolk University Certificate in Local Government Leadership & Management

2026-2027 Program Application

Deadline for applications is **April 30, 2026**

Acceptance decisions will be made by **June 1, 2026**

Tuition must be paid by **July 31, 2026**

Applications should be emailed to certificate@mma.org

Cost: \$2,850

A completed application must include:

- ☐ This application filled out completely and signed by you;
- ☐ This application signed by your community's mayor, town administrator, or town manager or, in the City of Boston, by the chief of personnel;
- ☐ One written page answering essay question (#3 below); and
- ☐ Your most recent resume.

Program Location:

Certificate program classes are held approximately 40% in-person at one of the locations below and 60% on Zoom. There are three distinct cohorts; your in-person and Zoom classes will all be held with the same group of participants. Class schedules for each location are included at the end of this application.

Select location you are applying to:

- ☐ Littleton
- ☐ Medfield
- ☐ Palmer

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Community: _____

Municipal department: _____

Job title: _____

Work email: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

Supervisor's email: _____

Educational Background:

High School (name of high school and year graduated):

College, if applicable (name of college, degree earned, and year graduated):

Graduate School, if applicable (name of school, degree earned, and year graduated):

1. Please describe your current job responsibilities:

2. Are you interested in pursuing a graduate degree in public administration or management? Why or why not?
3. On a separate piece of paper, describe why you want to enroll in this graduate level program of study on local government and how you think it will help you meet your professional goals. Please limit your response to one page.

Assertions:

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand that my enrollment in the Certificate Program in Local Government Leadership & Management requires my commitment to attend classes, to pay tuition, to purchase class materials, and to participate fully in the curriculum and work assignments in order to satisfy the requirements of the Program. Further, it is the responsibility of each prospective enrollee to arrange for employer approval of work release time that might be required. It is anticipated that classes will be held on 25 Fridays starting in September and concluding in May. Six hours of classes will be scheduled for each Friday. Another six hours of preparatory time for each class is typically necessary.

Admission to the program is discretionary and subject to full payment of the tuition in advance.

Applicant's Signature:

Applicant's signature and date:

Recommendation:

I recommend this candidate for participation in the MMA-Suffolk University Certificate in Local Government Leadership & Management

Mayor/Town Administrator/Town Manager's printed name, signature and date:

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Email completed applications to certificate@mma.org

Additional information: www.mma.org/suffolk

Contact: Katie McCue at kmccue@mma.org or 617-426-7272 ext. 111 or
Kate Evarts at kevarts@mma.org or 617-426-7272 ext. 172

**MMA-Suffolk Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Management
2026-2027 Schedule**

LITTLETON

| MODULE | CLASS | CLASS INFO & FACULTY TBD | DATE | FORMAT |
|--------|-------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | | 9/25/26 | In Person |
| 1 | 2 | | 10/2/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 3 | | 10/9/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 4 | | 10/16/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 5 | | 10/23/26 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | | 11/6/26 | In Person |
| 2 | 2 | | 11/13/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 3 | | 11/20/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 4 | | 12/4/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 5 | | 12/11/26 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 3 | 1 | | 1/8/27 | In Person |
| 3 | 2 | | 1/15/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 3 | | 1/29/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 4 | | 2/5/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 5 | | 2/12/27 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | | 2/26/27 | In Person |
| 4 | 2 | | 3/5/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 3 | | 3/12/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 4 | | 3/19/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 5 | | 3/26/27 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | | 4/16/27 | In Person |
| 5 | 2 | | 4/23/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 3 | | 4/30/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 4 | | 5/7/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 5 | | 5/14/27 | In Person |

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MEDFIELD

| MODULE | CLASS | CLASS INFO & FACULTY TBD | DATE | FORMAT |
|--------|-------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | | 9/18/26 | In Person |
| 1 | 2 | | 9/25/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 3 | | 10/2/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 4 | | 10/9/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 5 | | 10/16/26 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | | 11/6/26 | In Person |
| 2 | 2 | | 11/13/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 3 | | 11/20/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 4 | | 12/4/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 5 | | 12/11/26 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 3 | 1 | | 1/8/27 | In Person |
| 3 | 2 | | 1/15/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 3 | | 1/29/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 4 | | 2/5/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 5 | | 2/12/27 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | | 2/26/27 | In Person |
| 4 | 2 | | 3/5/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 3 | | 3/12/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 4 | | 3/19/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 5 | | 3/26/27 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | | 4/16/27 | In Person |
| 5 | 2 | | 4/23/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 3 | | 4/30/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 4 | | 5/7/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 5 | | 5/14/27 | In Person |

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PALMER

| MODULE | CLASS | CLASS INFO & FACULTY TBD | DATE | FORMAT |
|--------|-------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 1 | | 9/11/26 | In Person |
| 1 | 2 | | 9/18/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 3 | | 9/25/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 4 | | 10/2/26 | Zoom |
| 1 | 5 | | 10/9/26 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | | 11/6/26 | In Person |
| 2 | 2 | | 11/13/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 3 | | 11/20/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 4 | | 12/4/26 | Zoom |
| 2 | 5 | | 12/11/26 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 3 | 1 | | 1/8/27 | In Person |
| 3 | 2 | | 1/15/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 3 | | 1/29/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 4 | | 2/5/27 | Zoom |
| 3 | 5 | | 2/12/27 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | | 2/26/27 | In Person |
| 4 | 2 | | 3/5/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 3 | | 3/12/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 4 | | 3/19/27 | Zoom |
| 4 | 5 | | 3/26/27 | In Person |
| | | | | |
| 5 | 1 | | 4/16/27 | In Person |
| 5 | 2 | | 4/23/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 3 | | 4/30/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 4 | | 5/7/27 | Zoom |
| 5 | 5 | | 5/14/27 | In Person |