GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BUDGET AND PUBLIC FINANCE

The certificate in budgeting and public finance provides course work in the theoretical and practical foundations of public budgeting and in the formulation and evaluation of public budgets, as well as the complex choices of economic reasoning in response to resource allocation in the process of formulating and implementing public budgets. The courses in the certificate provide a background in budget policy and process, characteristics of public revenue and expenditure, and governmental accounting and financial reporting. This certificate is particularly well suited for those who are, or envision becoming, budget analysts or financial management officers in public agencies at any level of government.

Visit the program website (https://tspppa.gwu.edu/certificate-budget-public-finance/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions Deadlines:	Fall – July 1
	Spring - November 1
Recommendations required:	One (1) recommendation
Prior academic records:	Transcripts are required from all colleges and universities attended, whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. Unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to your online application. Official transcripts are required only of applicants who are offered admission.
	If transcripts are in a language other than English, English language translations must be provided. The English translation alone should be uploaded into your application.
Statement of purpose:	A 2-3 page statement of interests and personal goals.
International applicants only:	Please follow this link - https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants (https://columbian.gwu.edu/international-graduate-applicants/) - to review the International Applicant Information carefully for requirements. Please note: International students who require a student visa are not eligible for admission to this program.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Graduate Studies
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 107
Washington DC 20052

For additional information about the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/) page.

Contact:

askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday

REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationstext).

The following requirements must be fulfilled: 12 credits, including 3 credits in required courses and 9 credits in elective courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
PPPA 6005	Public Budgeting, Revenue, and Expenditure Analysis	
Electives		
Three of the following:		
PPPA 6048	Financing State and Local Government	
PPPA 6051	Governmental Budgeting	
PPPA 6052	Tax Policy Analysis	
or PPPA 6054	Issues in Federal Budgeting	
PPPA 6053	Financial Management for Public and Nonprofit Organizations	
PPPA 6055	Contracting Out and Public–Private Partnerships	

COMBINED PROGRAM

Combined program

- Dual Master of Public Administration and Graduate Certificate in budget and public finance (https://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/public-policy-administration/mpa-budget-public-finance/)