Carl Vinson Institute of Government
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

CPM NATIONAL CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER® CONSORTIUM

Certified Public Manager® Program

CERTIFIED PUBLIC MANAGER® PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- The program runs from September to May each year. It is delivered in three-day modules one week each month. (Tuesdays through Thursdays). Class runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.
- The program is offered at two locations: the UGA Gwinnett campus in Lawrenceville and the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.
- Gwinnett Cohort. In-person attendance is required for all Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Thursdays will be delivered virtually.
- Forsyth Cohort. In-person attendance is required for all Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Thursdays will be delivered virtually.
- In-person attendance at the CPM Conference in Athens is required for all participants. Graduation will be held in conjunction with the conference. (May 12-14, 2026)
- A capstone self-directed learning project is required in addition to a group service-learning project.
- The $3500 fee covers all instructor fees, books and assessments. It also includes lodging and most meals at the CPM conference. Lodging and other travel related expenses for the regular modules are not covered in the fee.
- If a participant is unable to attend a session, they may either make up the time with another cohort or complete extra assignments.
- After successful completion of the CPM program, graduates may earn three hours of elective credit in the UGA Master of Public Administration program. Tuition and fees will be required to earn credit. Other colleges and universities may also grant the credit at their discretion.
- The University of Georgia is committed to including all students. CPM participants who require assistance should contact their instructor.