Recommended Mission-Specific Elective Competencies: Local Government Management

The joint NASPAA/ICMA working group has recommended the adoption by NASPAA of the following “mission-specific” competencies for MPA programs with a local government management emphasis.

Standard 6.3 Mission-Specific Elective Competencies: Local Government Management

Programs that have identified as part of their mission the offering of an option, specialization, or concentration that is intended to prepare students for a career in professional local government management should demonstrate their conformance to the following guidelines.

A. Graduates of the program will be able to demonstrate the application of their knowledge and understanding of:

1. The ethics of local government management, emphasizing the role of the professional chief executive.
2. The roles and relationships among key local and other government elected and appointed officials.
3. The purposes of and processes for communicating with and engaging citizens in local governance.
4. The management of local government core services and functions.
5. The management of local government financial resources.
6. The management of local government human resources.

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