

**Application for Accelerated Program  
in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy  
for Human Service Majors with a Concentration in Administration & Family Policy in the Department of  
Individual & Family Studies**

Students in the Human Services Major in the Department of Individual & Family Studies may apply during their Sophomore or Junior year for admission into the SUAPP Accelerated Program. Application to the Accelerated Program can be made for either the a) Master of Arts Program in Urban Affairs and Public Policy program with a Concentration in Community Development and Nonprofit Leadership, or the b) Master of Public Administration Program in the School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy. (<http://www.udel.edu/suapp/degrees/index.htm>).

Admission to either the MA or MPA graduate program is not guaranteed upon acceptance into the Accelerated Program; however, successful completion of the Accelerated Program greatly enhances the likelihood of admission. Ideally, admission to the Accelerated Program will enable a student to coordinate their undergraduate and graduate studies with greater ease, facilitate the transition into graduate school, and provide greater flexibility in scheduling coursework once a graduate student. By participating in this program, students can attain a head start on their graduate studies and be able to take 6-9 fewer graduate credits if later accepted into the SUAPP graduate program (the number of fewer graduate credits will depend upon whether admitted to the Accelerated MA or MPA program). A student can only be officially admitted into the SUAPP graduate program upon a) successfully and satisfactorily completing the Human Services undergraduate major and SUAPP graduate courses in the Accelerated Program (grade of B+ or better), b) receiving satisfactory GRE scores, and c) successfully fulfilling SUAPP and Graduate School application requirements.

Qualifications for Accelerated Program:

- 1) Be a Sophomore or Junior Human Service Major in the Department of Individual & Family Studies
- 2) Be enrolled in or have completed IFST 235 (Survey in Child and Family Services), IFST 347 (Program Development and Evaluation), and POSC 220 (Introduction to Public Policy).
- 3) Have an academic advisor in the Department of Individual & Family Studies who will support his or her application to the SUAPP Accelerated Program.
- 4) Have completed an Area of Emphasis form that lists 6 SUAPP graduate credits (if applying for the MA program), or 9 SUAPP graduate credits (if applying for the MPA program) to be completed during Spring semester/Junior year, and/or during Senior year. Courses need to be selected from a list of recommended SUAPP courses for the Accelerated Program.

Procedures:

- 1) Prior to, or during the Junior Year, complete an application for the MA or MPA Accelerated program, and submit the application to the Graduate Admissions Coordinator in SUAPP. Application packets are not submitted to the UD Graduate School.
- 2) Three letters of recommendation, one from the student's IFS academic advisor, one from another faculty member, and a third from a professional or faculty member who can recommend the student for graduate studies, need to be submitted with the student's application. GRE's are not required for admission to the Accelerated Program. However, students will be required to submit these scores during their Senior Year if they wish to apply to the Graduate program.
- 3) Complete a Personal Statement by answering the following questions: a). What are your vocational objectives and how will your proposed plan of graduate study relate to them? b). Within your major field, are there special areas of interest to you? Please explain. c). Are there any special circumstances related to your academic record that you feel the admissions committee should know about? Guidelines for completing the essays can be found at: <http://www.udel.edu/suapp/prospective/apply/essay.htm> .