

Recommendations from Law Enforcement Professionals

Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues,

Over the last 21 years I have served as a law enforcement officer in the State of Nebraska. During that time I have worked in a variety of positions and ranks, most recently as a captain with my current agency. I have been fortunate to have the means and opportunity to attend a wide range of training and educational programs which included obtaining my bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

In 2009 I learned of the Certified Public Manager's Program (CPM) being offered through the University of Nebraska at Omaha. As someone who has always wanted to obtain my Master's of Public Administration degree but lacked the time to undertake it, I saw the 12 month CPM Program as a viable university quality alternative. In December 2010 I became a proud graduate of the Program and have the distinction of adding the nationally recognized "CPM" to my professional title. As a graduate, I can also apply 6 credit hours I earned during the CPM program towards my masters degree program which is now a real possibility.

This nationally accredited CPM program was offered with the flexibility of both online and classroom presentations keeping in mind the needs of those participants from all across the State. The highly talented and qualified instructors offered the support and assistance needed for participants to excel academically in coursework such as "Leading People and Developing Self", "Strategic Planning", "Managing for Results", "Understanding and Using Public Policy", "Leadership", "Team Leadership in the Public Sector", "Continuous Improvement", "Project Management", "Understanding and Promoting Ethical Behavior", "Managing Information and Information Technology", "Negotiation Skills", "Understanding Organizational Culture, Cultural Competence, and Managing Diversity", "Managing Public Finances", "Law for Public Managers", and "Professional Communication and Getting the Most from Media Relations". The relationships developed during the course, along with the cooperative and innovative learning atmosphere, will assist you as a public manager for the rest of your career. The CPM Program will offer you the skills to be the most effective manager possible, something I do not feel a traditional college degree can always provide. The challenges you will encounter during this yearlong program will only be surpassed by the rewards that result from them in the end.

I write this testimonial from a position of sincere respect and obligation to my brothers and sisters in the law enforcement field throughout the State, particularly those who are currently serving in, or have aspirations to become supervisors, command officers or executives within an agency. The CPM Program will give you the tools to take your personal and professional growth to the next level. It will instill the confidence you need to be an outstanding public sector leader. Feel free to contact me with questions you may have about the Nebraska Certified Public Manager Program.

Sincerely,

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"My experience with the UNO-CPM program has been second to none. The faculty, staff and curriculum have helped me to improve myself both personally and professionally".

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