

...graduate study
designed by you
for you

Master of Arts in Applied Professional Studies

School for New Learning, DePaul University

Program-in-Brief

The Master of Arts Program in Applied Professional Studies (MAAPS), founded in 1984, serves adults who wish to design and execute their graduate study in a personally-relevant area that is otherwise not served by typical course-based, already-structured programs. These “entrepreneurial learners” come with a personal/professional area of study they want to pursue, a desire to build and manage their own learning processes, and a goal to both learn and shape their learning into contributions that make a difference.

Key Features

- 1 You design **your own area of study** (an area of professional contribution in a particular setting) guided by a graduate framework. Your idea; your design.
- 2 You learn to think in terms of **learning for both intentional outcomes and timely applications**.
- 3 You build a **plan for learning** that incorporates an **array of learning strategies** (not just classes)—strategies that fit **your** sought outcomes and learning preferences and result in **products you can use**.
- 4 You manage the **pace, place and process** of implementing your plan.
- 5 You receive assistance from a **team of advisors** from the University as well as your own particular professional community.
- 6 You engage in a brief/intensive series of **“liberal learning” seminars** designed to rekindle and/or deepen your practice in areas of inquiry, change, interpersonal communication, diversity, ethical reasoning and leadership.
- 7 You accomplish **your goal of graduate study** – focusing on an area of importance to you and earning an **accredited graduate degree** with competencies endorsed by the University.

Typical Student

Within an individualized program, there are no “typical” students. Each student is unique... building a unique graduate area of study and approaching it using unique learning strategies. Nevertheless, MAAPS students range in age from mid-20s to mid-70’s, possess undergraduate majors representing nearly every field of study imaginable (from nearly every accredited institution of higher learning), come with a minimum of three years of direct or related experience in the area of study they wish to pursue and contribute in the world through an amazing array of companies, communities and commitments.

For more information about the MAAPS Program or to schedule an exploratory conversation (individual appointment or information session), please contact the Graduate Programs Office:

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