

SEE
YOUR
FUTURE
DIFFERENTLY



DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL FOR NEW LEARNING

A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several tall, multi-story city buildings. The buildings are constructed of light-colored stone or concrete and feature numerous windows, many of which are illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. The sky above is a clear, deep blue, suggesting twilight or dusk. The perspective creates a sense of height and scale, with the buildings converging towards the top of the frame.

EXPAND YOUR VIEW.

ENVISION IT: YOUR PERSPECTIVE BROADENED, YOUR CHOICES CLARIFIED, YOUR CAREER ACCELERATED.

Developing a greater perspective enhances what you bring to every challenge and opportunity in your work and in your life. That's what DePaul University delivers. At this world-class urban institution, you'll experience new ideas and perspectives that will open your mind, move you forward and create an array of opportunities.

When you choose DePaul, you are choosing a place where learning from your life experience counts. Where you can learn among peers. Where you can tailor your graduate degree to fit your vision. Where you can see your future differently—and pursue it.



DePaul’s School for New Learning

EMBRACE A LIFETIME OF LEARNING TO STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE.

At the School for New Learning (SNL), we help you build on your abilities and experiences through customized graduate degree programs designed for working adults. Instead of trying to fit into a prescribed curriculum, you can adapt and create a program of study that capitalizes on your existing knowledge and adds the specific skills and insights you need. You will be guided by our expert faculty members, one of whom will serve as your mentor throughout the program.

A unique approach
to learning

BE YOUR OWN AGENT OF CHANGE

Our degree programs enable you to combine past and current work projects, certificate programs, professional activities and other experiences with structured courses and independent studies to give you the knowledge and expertise you need. Just as important, you will learn to deliberately assess and reflect on your work so that you can continuously improve. In addition to obtaining a master’s degree, you’ll become a master of lifelong learning.

PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE FOR HANDS-ON SUCCESS

Our emphasis on applied learning means that you’ll be able to put the professional development portion of your graduate degree—the cutting-edge knowledge and skills that align with your particular area of study—to immediate use. You also will see results as you increase and improve your effectiveness across a variety of areas (personal, interpersonal, organizational, values and inquiry). Taken together, these elements enable you to add more value to your professional practice while enjoying greater levels of personal satisfaction.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOR LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING

We are committed to the highest standards of academic quality, teaching the skills and habits that are intrinsic to leadership and lifelong learning. SNL is an international model for adult education, recognized among a select group of best-practice programs for the strength and success of our adult-education programs. Such recognition, combined with DePaul’s impressive rankings and distinguished faculty, means that a DePaul degree speaks loudly to future employers.



“EACH SNL PROGRAM BLENDS CLASSROOM STUDY, WORK EXPERIENCES, COLLEAGUE INTERACTIONS, PROFESSIONAL ADVISING AND FACULTY MENTORING—ALL DESIGNED TO EMPOWER APPLIED LEARNING.”

CATHERINE MARIENAU, PhD, FACULTY



“I APPRECIATED THE SNL FACULTY’S EXPERTISE, WISDOM, PRACTICAL TEACHING SKILLS, REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP US GROW AND DEVELOP.”

MIKE QUINN, ALUMNUS



“AFTER WORKING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, IT WAS REFRESHING, CHALLENGING AND INSPIRING TO IMMERSE IN THE WORLD OF PRACTICAL ACADEMIA. I LEARNED TO QUESTION MORE, RESEARCH MORE, JUDGE LESS. THE WORLD HAS MORE COLOR.”

SHARON MCINTOSH, ALUMNA



EXPAND YOUR NETWORK. ADVANCE YOUR CAREER.

Enroll at DePaul and access our extended family of global alumni


DePaul has more than 160,000 alumni living in all 50 states and more than 80 countries. More than 105,000 live in the Chicago metropolitan area. About 1,000 alumni mentor students each year through the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) program, giving you the network you need to advance your career.

CONNECT WITH SOME OF THE WORLD'S TOP EMPLOYERS

Whether your plans include moving up or moving on, you'll connect with people who work for many of Chicago's largest employers at DePaul. More than 400 organizations actively recruit here each year. Your classes will be filled with people who work throughout the metropolitan area, many for global organizations. Below is just a brief list of some of the organizations where you can find DePaul alumni:

Abbott Laboratories	Chicago Mercantile Exchange	JPMorgan Chase & Co.
Americorps Vista	Chicago Public Schools	Kellogg Co.
Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago Tribune	KPMG
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois	Deloitte	Kraft Foods
Brookfield Zoo	Environmental Protection Agency	Museum of Science and Industry
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	Ernst & Young	Peace Corps
Central Intelligence Agency	Google	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chicago Cubs	Hilton Worldwide	U.S. Department of State
	IBM	

Visit go.depaul.edu/employers to see a comprehensive list of organizations that recruit DePaul students and alumni.

A photograph of the DePaul University building entrance. The building is a multi-story structure with large windows and a prominent entrance. People are walking on the sidewalk in front of the building. A quote is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**“OUR PROGRAMS HELP STUDENTS
MOVE INTO ‘THE DRIVER’S
SEAT’ OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL
CONTRIBUTIONS. THEY GROW IN
THEIR KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, INQUIRY,
REFLECTIVENESS, CONFIDENCE
AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP
OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS.”**

RUSS ROGERS, PHD, FACULTY

CUSTOMIZED GRADUATE PROGRAMS TO FIT YOUR FUTURE

MASTER OF ARTS IN APPLIED PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (MAAPS)

MAAPS enables you to design a master’s degree in a unique area that is personally relevant to you but that is not typically served by pre-structured, course-based graduate programs. You begin with your idea and three or more years of direct or related experience in the field. Guided by a graduate framework and a team of faculty members and professional advisors, you create your curriculum and manage your own learning. Your plan may include work projects, professional activities such as workshops or certificate programs, traditional graduate courses and independent studies. You also will have several culmination options to choose from when you are ready to complete the program.

MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATING ADULTS (MAEA)

If your focus is on learning how to help adults learn, choose the MAEA program. You will explore classic and innovative ideas in the practice of educating adults and apply them in your own practice settings. Faculty members and project advisors will help you deepen your knowledge in assessment, design, facilitation, evaluation and ongoing research. This program combines structured courses with professional activities, workshops and independent studies, culminating in a final applied project. You also will earn a separate Certificate in Educating Adults by completing three key courses related to design, facilitation and assessment of learning.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED TECHNOLOGY (MSAT)

The MSAT program will deepen your understanding and use of technology while enhancing your ability to improve the interface between technology and people in organizations. You will specialize in one of five areas: information systems, network technology, IT project management, information technology or human-computer interaction. Jointly offered by SNL and DePaul’s College of Computing and Digital Media, this partially structured program combines advanced technology courses with professional activities, work projects and independent studies.

Liberal Learning Seminars

All three degree programs include a series of liberal learning seminars designed to deepen your skills and knowledge in areas that will impact your professional success. You will take intensive, collaborative seminars (totaling 18 credit hours) in areas covering the key domains of applied effectiveness: personal, interpersonal, organizational, values and inquiry. You will receive a Certificate of Achievement in Liberal Learning for Professionals upon successful completion of these seminars.

THE BASICS.

Campus locations

DePaul has two main campuses. The Lincoln Park Campus is in a beautiful, historic residential neighborhood. The Loop Campus is part of Chicago’s thriving business district and is home to SNL. DePaul also has three suburban campuses: Naperville, O’Hare and Oak Forest. While the majority of SNL graduate courses are taught on the Loop Campus, the study areas, computer labs and libraries of all other campuses are always available for your use.

University resources

DePaul has all the benefits that a large university can offer. You will have the most current technological resources at your disposal, including access to wireless networks on all campuses. The John T. Richardson Library at the Lincoln Park Campus and the Loop Campus Library are the primary resources for SNL. Please visit the University Libraries website, library.depaul.edu, to learn more about library facilities and DePaul’s online library resources.

DePaul’s Career Center offers a variety of workshops, networking events, job fairs, internship programs and other activities to support students. Each year, DePaul works with more than 2,000 employers who are seeking the type of highly skilled, motivated students that are found here. Some organizations that recruit students for jobs and internships include AT&T, Catholic Charities, City of Chicago, Groupon and SmithBucklin Corp. Learn more about the Career Center’s offerings at careercenter.depaul.edu.

Academic calendar

DePaul operates on the quarter system. Fall classes begin in early September and end by Thanksgiving. Winter classes begin the first week of January and end in mid-March, and spring classes are held from late March until mid-June. SNL holds classes during the first summer session, which begins in June and ends in July.

Tuition

Visit go.depaul.edu/tuition for the most up-to-date tuition rates.

Financial assistance

Help with the cost of graduate school is available in multiple merit-based and need-based forms, including federal loans, alternative financing (private loans) and Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits. Departmental scholarships are also available. For a complete overview on the types of aid offered to DePaul graduate students, please visit go.depaul.edu/financial_aid. For information about part-time on-campus work, please visit careercenter.depaul.edu.

Payment plans

DePaul provides multiple methods of payment to help fit the cost of graduate school into your budget. The DePaul University Payment Plan (DePUPP) allows you to pay tuition and other expenses in monthly installments over a nine-month period. The DePaul Payment Plan for Employer Reimbursement (DePEPER) allows you to postpone payment of tuition until after grade reports are issued at the end of each quarter. For further details about alternative financing, visit studentaccounts.depaul.edu or contact the Student Accounts office at (312) 362-6628.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

Where are SNL classes held?

The majority of on-campus classes are held on DePaul’s Loop Campus, which is also where our main office is located. Many learning options are available for off-campus study in each program as well. For students in the MSAT program, all of the core courses also are available online, minimizing the amount of time spent on campus.

How long do SNL programs take to complete?

Our programs are designed for working professionals who must keep up with the demands of both work and home. Most students devote 10-15 hours of study per week, depending on their program, the particular learning activities they’ve built into their course of study, and the pace of progress they’ve set for themselves. Some students have accelerated the program to complete it within 18 months; others have taken a few years.

Are the SNL degrees accredited?

Yes, all of our graduate degrees are fully accredited through DePaul University’s accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Do I need to take the GRE?

Because the focus of SNL’s graduate programs is on applied, hands-on learning, the GRE and other standardized tests are not required. However, students are expected to come to the program with relevant experience within their field of study, which they will then apply to their program.

What can I do with my SNL master’s degree upon graduating from the program?

Depending on their areas of focus and their personal and professional goals, some SNL alumni have changed jobs within the same organization, while others have changed jobs and organizations altogether. Some alumni have decided to start their own businesses, and some have pursued doctoral-level study. Other SNL graduates have stayed in their current positions, offering a more grounded and confident contribution as a result of their graduate study.



Take the first step

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER. ENRICH YOUR LIFE. START RIGHT NOW.

If you are ready to apply, start your online application at go.depaul.edu/apply.

If you have any questions about admission requirements or application procedures, we'll be happy to answer them—personally. Just call or email us at the School for New Learning or visit our website for more information.

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