The Hobby School of Public Affairs offers six graduate certificates in public policy, providing professionals from various backgrounds with advanced training and instruction to enhance their careers. The four-course program is rooted in cross-disciplinary study, blending social sciences, quantitative methods, analytical skills and applied research that equips graduates to make a difference across sectors and a range of policy areas.

Gain actionable skills in:

- Advanced Quantitative and Data Analysis
- Ethics and Leadership Training
- Critical Thinking Skills
- Professional Writing and Communications skills
- Policy Design and Analysis

“Without the Hobby School, I would have never identified a career in healthcare or learned how public policy contributes to this complex industry.”

Kimberley Castro, Master of Public Policy ‘22
Graduate Certificate in Health Care Policy

Program Highlights

- **Flexible program** with required courses offered in the evening and some online. Professionals can earn a graduate certificate in one year and apply the approved courses toward the Master of Public Policy.
- **Interdisciplinary curriculum**, combining political science, economics, computer science, business and statistics.
- Graduate certificates focus on **specializations with practical applications** to provide students with specific skills sets and expertise for professional advancement.
- With diverse disciplinary backgrounds, **faculty members and researchers** provide different perspectives and expertise, whether the focus is on the economy, energy, education, natural disasters, political participation or other relevant public policy matters.
- Join a **comprehensive network** of students and alumni practitioners eager to positively shape our communities, community partner organizations and a university career center dedicated to helping students reach their goals.

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Become a powerful catalyst for meaningful policy change with targeted coursework.

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**Public Policy and Public Administration**
Provides an overview of public policy and public administration, delving into both the administrative and analytical sides of policy

**Data Analytics**
Introduces research design and the ethics of quantitative policy research through hands-on statistical techniques and data analysis

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An introduction to the design and delivery of energy-related policy, from the exploration of complex issues facing the industry and energy resources to the various dynamics of energy policy

**Ethics**
An introduction to policy processes with special emphasis on ethical leadership, value claims in policy and applied ethics

**Health Care Policy**
An evaluation of the impact of policies in health care affecting patients, hospital operations and public health

**Alumni Careers**
Hobby School alumni lead successful careers across sectors and are making a measurable impact in Texas and nationwide.

88% were employed within one year of graduation

Nearly 5% continued their education after graduation

**Application Deadlines**

- **Fall**
  - Priority: March 1*
  - International Applicants: May 1
  - Domestic Applicants: August 1

- **Spring**
  - Priority: September 1*
  - International Applicants: October 1
  - Domestic Applicants: December 1

*Graduate certificate applicants are not required to submit GRE scores.

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