

Naval Postgraduate School

Master of Science in

Acquisition - Contract

Management (MSA-CM)

The Army Director, Acquisition Career Management (DACM) Office partners with NPS to offer the Master of Science in Acquisition - Contract Management (MSA-CM-Curriculum 835). The MSA-CM provides advanced education in the concepts, methodologies and analytical techniques necessary for successful management of acquisition and contracting within complex organizations. Graduates also earn NPS graduate-level, academic certificates in Advanced Acquisition Studies and Basic Contract Management (Curricula 218 and 238).

KEY DATES:

DACM Office Application period opens: February 2, 2026

DACM Office Application period closes: March 10, 2026

NPS Online Application Deadline: March 4, 2026

Cohort Dates: July 7, 2026 – June 30, 2028

TWO PART APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Apply for NPS online.
2. Apply for DACM Office funding *

* The Army DACM Office sponsors the full cost of tuition and up to \$250 per course for books.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Army Acquisition Workforce Civilians, any functional area, grades GS12-15/or equivalent broadband
- NPS Conditional Letter of Acceptance
- Acquisition Career Record Brief
- Senior Rater Potential Evaluation
- Command & Supervisor Endorsement
- Resume
- Statement of Interest
- 24-month Continued Service Agreement



<https://asc.army.mil/web/nps-programs/msa-cm>

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