

# Naval Postgraduate School

## Master of Science in

## Acquisition - Program

## Management (MSA-PM)

The Army Director, Acquisition Career management (DPCM) Office partners with NPS to offer the Master of Science in Acquisition – Program Management (MSA-PM-Curriculum 836). The MSA-PM educates students to be acquisition program managers and leaders of people and resources within federal organizations. Graduates gain the leadership and decision-making skills necessary to effectively deliver warfighting capabilities by balancing program cost, schedule, technical performance, risk and supportability. No previous program management experience is required for admission. Graduates also earn NPS graduate-level, academic certificates in Advanced Acquisition Studies (Curriculum 218) and Basic Contract Management (Curriculum 238) and Basic Contract Management (Curriculum 238).

### KEY DATES:

DPCM Office Application period opens: February 2, 2026

DPCM 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 DPCM Office funding \*

\* The Army DPCM 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



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