

# STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

## Acquisition and Contract Administration, Graduate Certificate

### Mission Statement

The University of West Florida's Acquisition and Contract Administration Certificate prepares students to enter positions in public acquisition management, with coursework that can create additional opportunities for career professionals. The curriculum acquaints students with contracting from pre-award to contract close-out, providing both practical and theoretical knowledge to create a solid foundation for a rewarding career in government contracting, nonprofits, or with civilian contractors who engage in public sector contracts. Students study the entire public contracting life cycle, including planning, solicitation, selection, negotiation, award, post-award administration, and close-out. Classes will also examine the underlying legal and theoretical basis of public purchasing, considering the place and importance of acquisitions within the larger government structure. Through individual work products and team-based interactions, students apply knowledge to real-world circumstances. Students' ability to see a contracting situation from various perspectives will be invaluable in achieving outcomes that are fair to all parties with the best value for the client.

### Student Learning Outcomes

#### Content

- Apply various techniques for cost and price analysis, given pricing and cost implications associated with different forms of contracting.
- Select an appropriate contract type, and the level of competition applicable, given an acquisition requirement.

#### Critical Thinking

- Defend the government's position in example contract law situations.

#### Communication

- Describe the operating environment and professional responsibilities of a government contracting professional.

#### Integrity/Values

- Discuss the importance of ethics and fair treatment in public contracting.

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