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**NEW DEGREE PROMOTES PUBLIC MANAGEMENT**

**NEOSHO, MO** – Crowder College will offer a new program this fall that prepares students for careers in local, state, and federal government administration. An Associate of Arts degree in Public Management would also benefit those interested in public service and non-profit organizations. Businesses that receive grants or governmental support would be prime employment opportunities for graduates.

The program was made possible through a Public Safety Project grant that Crowder obtained last year. The grant includes Fire Science, Criminal Justice and Emergency Medical Services along with the Public Management program. Tuition waivers are available for qualified applicants, which may include underemployed or unemployed, incumbered workers, Trade Act Assistance impacted workers, and Veterans and their spouses.

The Public Management degree is designed to allow students to transfer to a four year university and complete a bachelor's degree in public management. Crowder administrators are working with various universities to make sure the foundation is built for the students to transfer seamlessly.

The degree requires 66 hours of core and elective courses that will provide the student with professional development, human resources and budgeting experience before graduation.

Information on the Public Management degree may be found on the Crowder College website: [www.crowder.edu](http://www.crowder.edu) or by e-mail: [publicsafetyproject@crowder.edu](mailto:publicsafetyproject@crowder.edu)

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Please feel free to contact my office if you have additional questions.

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