



MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Biography:

Dr. Cathy Chambless has a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership & Policy, a Master's in Public Administration, and a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Utah. Her B.A. degree is from the University of Santa Clara in California, Cathy worked for the Utah Department of Rehabilitation as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. She became Executive Director of the Utah Governor's Council for People with Disabilities where she worked with the Governor's Office, State Legislature, and executive branch departments on policies related to disability in education, human services, and health. Later, Cathy was a program director at the Utah Department of Health where she changed Medicaid policies to facilitate employment for people with disabilities. Dr. Chambless taught in the Rehabilitation Counseling master's program at Utah State University for two years. She initiated the interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies at the University of Utah and is now expanding the program to include an undergraduate minor. Currently a Research Associate for the Center for Public Policy & Administration, she consults on projects that include community needs assessments, program planning, and program evaluation for government and non-profit agencies. Cathy teaches Health Policy for the MPA program.