



Degree programs of public procurement in Costa Rica



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity, Integrity**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Procuring entity, Policy maker**

Description

Central American Institute of Public Administration

The Central American Institute of Public Administration (El Instituto Centroamericano de Administración Pública, ICAP) offers a Master's in Public Procurement Administration. This master program consists of defending a thesis and completing 20 modules covering different topics of procurement including the regulatory framework, integrity, e-procurement, sustainable procurement, contract management, public finance, conflict resolution.

This Master's is 20 months and students are required to participate in a 4-hour class twice weekly.

The Costa Rica Institute of Technology

The Costa Rica Institute of Technology (Tecnológico de Costa Rica, TEC) offers a Program for Specialist in Public Procurement (El programa de Especialista en Contratación Administrativa). This program consists of the following six modules:

- Module I: Legal framework of public procurement
- Module II: Start and selection of procurement procedures
- Module III: Development and completion of procurement procedures
- Module IV: Financial aspects of public procurement
- Module V: Contract management
- Module VI: Judicial control of public procurement

This program has a duration of 6 months. Each module is taught during 4 weeks (16 hours).

University of Costa Rica

The Center for Research and Training in Public Administration at the University of Costa Rica (Centro de Investigación y Capacitación en Administración Pública, CICAP) offered a Technical Program in Public Procurement for Public Administration (Programa Técnico en Contratación Administrativa para la Gestión Pública) in 2017.

The program lasts 9 months with a 144-hour curriculum.

Source: OECD (2020), [Towards a new vision for Costa Rica's Public Procurement System: Assessment of key challenges for the establishment of an action plan](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.

