

## Thomas Partner Highlight: MMA: Why Thomas College

The Maine Municipal Association was interested in the partnership with Thomas College because we really consider professional development and continuing education to be a cornerstone of our recruitment and retention, both for employees here at MMA and also for our members.

When we think about options for continuing education the partnership with Thomas really made sense to us both in terms of flexibility and affordability.

So, for us our employees and our members are obviously all full-time, working employees and the opportunity to do fully online, flexible graduate programs are really great opportunities for them to get the education that they need.

Additionally, our members are far-flung and all over the state of Maine and so the opportunity to do their graduate education fully virtually is really important.

And then finally, affordability is another big factor that contributes to our enthusiasm for this partnership. The tuition discounts that are offered through the partnership are really beneficial for both our employees and our members who are budget conscious, of course, but also want to have access to high-quality educational opportunities.

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