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Certificate In Community Leadership

Part-time Credit Certificate Program

*A collaboration of the Faculties of Management, Education,
Health and Human Services and the Centre for Continuing Studies.*

Program Overview

Communities and organizations are continually faced with change and challenges. In order to respond to economic, social and cultural challenges, the Certificate In Community Leadership provides a cross-disciplinary approach to building community leadership. Participants will develop skills and knowledge in leadership, community awareness, community-based action research, and fostering leadership development.

Career Opportunities

The Certificate In Community Leadership Program provides an opportunity for:

- ◆ Municipal staff and elected officials to develop skills in community leadership.
- ◆ A complementary credential for students and graduates of a wide range of programs, who wish to add community leadership skills to their studies.
- ◆ Individuals who have completed the Leadership BC program, or other leadership training, to pursue further studies in community leadership.
- ◆ Any individuals who wish to develop community leadership skills.



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Program Goals

The overall purpose of the program is to foster increased leadership capacity. More specifically, the program goals are to:

- ◆ Introduce cross-disciplinary perspectives and applications in community leadership;
- ◆ Integrate existing education/training opportunities in leadership development;
- ◆ Foster community leadership in a wide range of sectors and disciplines;
- ◆ Provide opportunities for both community members and existing VIU students to develop foundational skills and knowledge in community leadership;
- ◆ Provide a credential recognizing essential skills and knowledge in community leadership.

Program Format

Courses are offered on a part-time basis, typically scheduled in the evenings. It is intended to be accessible for individuals who are working, as well as students attending other programs at Vancouver Island University.

Program Outline

The program is comprised of three components, totalling 12 credits.

1. Leadership And Community - 6 credits

- ◆ **A 3-credit Leadership course:**
 - Foundations In Community Leadership I (LEAD 100) – Note that the Leadership BC Program is accepted as equivalent.

OR

- One of the following acceptable Vancouver Island University courses:
 - Leadership In Tourism - TOUR 161 (3);
 - Leadership in Recreation and Sport - RMGT 161 (3);
 - Women and Leadership - WOST 320 (3);
 - Young Women and Leadership: Issues and Action - WOST 100 (3);
 - Applied Leadership and Organization in Physical Activity - PHED 461 (3);
 - Interpersonal Skills - MGMT 145 (2) - & Team Building Skills - MGMT 146 (2).

AND

- ◆ **A 3-credit Community course:**

- Foundations In Community Leadership II (LEAD 101) – Note that the Leadership BC Program is accepted as equivalent.

OR

- One of the following acceptable Vancouver Island University courses:
 - Working in the Community Context - HSER 110 (3);
 - Community Development - SSER 250 (3);
 - Community Development in Recreation and Tourism - TRMT 353 (3);
 - First Nations Families and Communities - FNAT 420 (6);
 - Health IV: Health Promotion and Community Empowerment - NURS 350 (3).

2. Action Research In Communities (LEAD 200) - 3 credits

This course provides an opportunity for students to develop skills in community action research, to integrate and apply skills and knowledge about leadership and community, and to further enhance practical skills in community based research and leadership.

3. Fostering Leadership Development (HSD 375) - 3 credits

This course explores effective strategies to build and sustain an environment that facilitates dynamic leadership. The focus is on creating a leadership culture applicable to a variety of community organizations and workplaces through developing a shared vision, collaborative leadership, and reflective practice. The course offers a balance of practical skills and current leadership theory.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must apply to Vancouver Island University, and must meet General Admission Requirements for University and Career/Technical Programs as outlined in the Vancouver Island University Calendar. Students must meet any prerequisites stated for specific courses.

How To Apply

Complete the Vancouver Island University [Application for Admission Form](#), including any required documentation. Note that a one-time \$30 application fee is charged for first-time applicants to Vancouver Island University.

Start Date and Application Deadline

Courses are offered throughout the year. Individual courses are also open to those interested in particular topics, provided any prerequisites are met. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Check the Centre for Continuing Studies website for current course offerings: www.viu.ca/ccs.

Course Fees

Current Vancouver Island University academic course fees apply:

Graduation Requirements

Participants who successfully complete all 12 credits will be eligible for the Certificate In Community Leadership.

For More Information

For more information, refer to our website:

About Vancouver Island University

Vancouver Island University is a comprehensive university for the central Vancouver Island region. The main campus is located in Nanaimo; regional campuses in Duncan, Powell River and the Parksville/Qualicum area. More than 10,500 full-time and part-time students are enrolled in academic, career, technology, applied, and upgrading programs. In addition, 10,500 part-time learners are enrolled in continuing education programs.

www.viu.ca/ccs/certificates/index.asp and click on Certificate in Community Leadership.

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About the Centre for Continuing Studies

The Centre for Continuing Studies at Vancouver Island University serves the education and training needs of thousands of lifelong learners in our region each year. The Centre seeks to expand learning opportunities for adults and to provide a welcome point of contact for business, industry, and individuals interested in accessing extensive educational resources. The Centre links Vancouver Island University with community groups to develop education and training programs for people of all ages for professional, occupational and personal skill development.

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