



Advanced Certificate in Community Leadership

Program Overview

Urban policies are created at the citywide level but implemented at the local level, where people live, work, and attend school. The **Advanced Certificate in Community Leadership** provides students with the educational and professional credentials to help them pursue leadership-path careers in public service, specifically in locally-serving nonprofits, community advocacy organizations, government agencies, and elected offices. Using New York City and its diverse communities as the classroom, students learn how communities are organized, how nonprofits serve constituents, and how community engagement can result in community empowerment. Students who complete the program may apply their certificate credits toward the MA in Urban Studies degree program.

Career Prospects

The Advanced Certificate in Community Leadership opens doors to management - level positions at community-based non-profits as well as community-level public sector work relating to community organizing, equity, housing, community economic development, climate change adaptation and resilience, political participation, and immigrant rights.



Students In The Program Will:

- **Analyze** the dynamics of urban life at the community level through hands-on learning experiences.
- **Deepen** their understanding of the critical theoretical, conceptual, practical, and grassroots issues relating to community development and urban policy innovations.
- **Acquire** leadership skills and strategies.
- **Learn** how to engage effectively in political processes on behalf of the communities they serve.

Curriculum

4 Courses: 12 credits

Sample Courses

- Community Organization
- NYC Work, Culture, and Politics
- Nonprofit Governance and Management
- Urban Social Problems and Community Development

Admissions Requirements

Candidates for admissions to advanced certificate programs must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. Applicants are required to submit a personal statement and resume.