Certificate in Community Leadership

Program Overview

Leadership at the community level takes many forms. The **Certificate in Community Leadership** provides students with the skills to help them participate effectively in political processes on behalf of communities. Students gain the educational and professional credentials needed to pursue careers in public service, specifically in local nonprofits, community advocacy organizations, government agencies, and elected office. 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 social progress and political power. Students who complete the program may apply their certificate credits toward the BA in Urban and Community Studies degree program.

Career Prospects

The Certificate in Community Leadership opens doors to entry and mid-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:

••▶ **Understand** what factors influence how communities are organized.

••▶ **Learn** how communities can participate effectively in the political process.

••▶ **Gain** deeper awareness of the importance of lived experience in the creation of urban policy.

••▶ **Evaluate** the effectiveness of approaches and strategies used by nonprofits to gain improvements for their constituents.

Curriculum

4 Courses: 16 credits

Sample Courses

••▶ Community Organizing & Community Organizations

••▶ Work, Culture, and Politics in New York City

••▶ Introduction to Nonprofit Leadership

••▶ Community Development

Admissions Requirements

Candidates for admission to undergraduate level certificate programs must provide proof of high school graduation or High School equivalency diploma from New York State (also known as TASC or GED). Applicants are required to submit a personal statement and resume.

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