

“State and federal funding reductions, paired with increasing demands for services, will force local government to find innovative solutions to better serve their citizenry.”

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ACADEMY

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The Wisconsin Local Government Leadership Academy is designed for individuals who want to increase their impact and lead the way to greater results.

Our 8-month program will enhance your leadership skills, expand your network, and give you the tools to address issues impacting local government.

Graduates receive recognition in Local Government Leadership from UW–Madison Division of Extension at prestigious events such as the Wisconsin Counties Association annual conference.



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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Qualified candidates include employees who are currently in, or aspiring to, leadership roles (e.g., department heads); elected and appointed officials; and others who want to become more effective leaders in local government.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

You won't just attend a course, you will become part of a network of dedicated local government leaders. The program is designed to draw upon the knowledge of participants so that you can learn from the experiences of other local government leaders.

You won't just learn new skills and tools, you will have the opportunity to apply what you learn to current and relevant issues facing your organization. The program is designed to help you explore and find solutions to generate results.

COST

The program cost is \$1,200. This includes instruction fees, learning materials, a professional portrait, and workshop meals (Thursday lunch and Friday breakfast). You are responsible for your own transportation and lodging costs, as well as meals not included as part of the workshops.

A \$150 nonrefundable deposit is required upon acceptance to the program. The remaining \$1,050 in fees may be paid in monthly installments of \$150. Fees must be paid in full to graduate from the program.

FORMAT

The program runs from January through August and includes a combination of four two-day workshops, group conference calls, and self-study modules (accessible online at your convenience). To graduate, you must complete 6 continuing education units (the equivalent of 60 hours of instruction), and attend two educational events outside of the program.

Online self-study modules

Self-study modules are accessible online and prepare you for in-person workshops. Modules include brief videos, short articles, and other formats relevant to the concepts the program explores.

Solutions-based learning

Come to each workshop with an issue or challenge in your department, committee, or local government that you want to address. Workshop activities will apply the skills and tools you've learned to your organization's issue or challenge. You may bring different issues or challenges to each workshop or focus on one issue or challenge for the entire 8 months.

Educational events outside of the program

You **must** attend two educational events outside of the program. The events you select can include, but are not limited to, online educational events, workshops, and regional meetings. All events must be approved by Academy facilitators to count toward graduation.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE



October
Applications due



November
Acceptance letters mailed



December
Nonrefundable \$150 deposit due



January
Orientation via conference call and "Relationships" self-study modules



February
2-day workshop:
Relationships as a foundation for leading for results



March
Conference call and "Communications" self-study modules



April
2-day workshop:
Communication tools for effective leadership



May
Conference call and "Effective decision-making" self-study modules



June
2-day workshop:
Leaders as effective decision-makers



July
Conference call and "Visionary leadership" self-study modules



August
2-day workshop:
Visionary leadership



September
Recognition ceremony

