

Certificate in Community Engagement, Leadership, and Development

Learn to better engage community members in the planning, problem-solving, and decision-making processes that improve the social, political, and cultural well-being of civic and community life. This program is geared towards practitioners in the public and non-profit sectors, social services, education, labour, health, housing, policing, and transportation.

Who should enroll?

The Certificate in Community Engagement, Leadership, and Development will be primarily directed at adult learners with at least some previous university- or college-level education who are currently working in positions that require interaction with community members, or learners who aspire to such positions in the public or nonprofit sectors. The program will appeal to workers from a range of disciplines in community service agencies in the nonprofit sector working with communities defined by geography (e.g., neighbourhood, city-wide or regional-level), issue/interest (e.g., childcare, community health) or identity (e.g., age group, ethnicity). Practitioners and activists in organizations with a community development and advocacy orientation will also be attracted to the certificate.

Program Design

In this certificate, students will learn:

- the historical and theoretical basis for community engagement; and
- the analytic frameworks for community engagement.

Through the full six-course certificate program, students will acquire learning in the following three main areas:

- Knowledge Base Outcomes
- Capacity Development Outcomes
- Skill-Set Building Outcomes

Why study with The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education?

As a student of The Chang School, you can choose the learning modes that best suit your schedule, with opportunities to take courses on campus or via distance education. On-site workplace training is also available for corporate, nonprofit, and public-sector clients.

Note: Many of our courses are offered in an intensive format to help accelerate your studies. The Certificate in Community Engagement, Leadership, and Development will offer access to learning from experienced and accomplished professional practitioners in the field. There are also opportunities to apply learning from the program to real-life situations with working practitioners.

Ready to enroll?

Visit www.ryerson.ca/ce/enrollment for details on enrolling.

For More Information

For more information about The Chang School, or to register for the Certificate in Community Engagement, Leadership and Development, visit www.ryerson.ca/ce/community or contact us directly.

CVSW 210 Community Engagement Practices: An Exciting New Course Coming This Spring!

This new course is part of the Certificate in Community Engagement, Leadership, and Development offered by Ryerson University's G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education.

Course Description

This course is designed for community practitioners and frontline agency staff like you to learn, to strategize, to gain new skills, and above all, to strengthen your work within the communities that you are involved with. The course will examine the following issues in detail:

- models of community engagement and strategies of best practices;
- practices in developing critical analysis and reflection;
- understanding how to work in the context of inequalities and unequal power dynamics;
- strengthening leadership skills and insights;
- creating opportunities to work on collaborative projects of community engagement.

This course will be highly participatory and recognize the diverse backgrounds and experiences of students in their respective communities. It will be anchored in the popular education approach to facilitate sharing of experiences, critical analysis, collective strategizing, and new learning.

Instructors

Deena Ladd has been working to improve wages and working conditions for primarily racialized workers, low-wage workers, and immigrant workers for the past 20 years. She is the co-ordinator of the Workers' Action Centre. The Workers' Action Centre works with predominantly low-waged immigrant workers and workers of colour in precarious jobs that face discrimination, violations of rights, and no benefits in the workplace. Deena graduated from the School of Social Work Ryerson University 20 years ago.

Winnie Ng is the CAW-Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy at Ryerson University. For over three decades, Ng has championed the rights of workers through her involvement with various community and labour organizations. She is also a feminist, a longtime community and anti-racism activist. She is a founding member of Ontario Coalition of Visible Minority Women and the Alliance for Employment Equity. Prior to her appointment at Ryerson, Ng was the acting executive director of the Labour Education Centre, and for eight years, she was the Canadian Labour Congress' Ontario regional director. She is the labour co-chair of Good Jobs for All Coalition. Ng holds a MA and PhD from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

Course Schedule for Spring 2012

Course duration is 42 hours

Friday	May 11, 2012	9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday	May 12, 2012	9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday	May 25, 2012	9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday	June 8, 2012	9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday	June 15, 2012	9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday	June 16, 2012	9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Community Engagement Certificate Required Course Offerings

Leading Through Change (CINP 913)
Duration: 42 Hours

Community Engagement Foundations
(CVSW 200)
Duration: 42 Hours

NEW Community Engagement Practices
(CVSW 210)
Duration: 42 Hours

Engaging Diverse Communities (CVSW 220)
Duration: 42 Hours

Community Engagement Capstone (CVSW 300)
Duration: 42 Hours

For a complete list of elective course offerings please visit www.ryerson.ca/ce/community.