

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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College of Continuing Education

Building careers that build communities

EDUCATION WITH IMPACT

For more than fifty years, Dalhousie University has been a national leader in local government education, providing municipal employees and councilors the skills and perspectives they need to make a difference in their careers and communities.

During our certificate programs you will:

- Develop managerial excellence and critical policy skills.
- Gain the confidence you need to move projects forward and communicate effectively.
- Learn specialized skills that can be put immediately to work.

DESIGNED TO FIT YOUR LIFE

Dalhousie's Local Government programs are **designed for municipal employees at all stages of their careers and councillors who want to improve their governance skills or who want a deeper appreciation of the administration that supports them.** Whether you're new to the profession and want a strong foundation to set you up for success, or in mid-career and interested in specialization and advancement, there are certificates to support your needs.

- Learn practical skills **with colleagues across the country** from the comfort of your home or office.

SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

You're never alone. Throughout your learning journey our student advisors will be available to assist you, from course selection to navigation of the online learning platform.

GET YOUR CREDENTIALS

Economic Developers Association of Canada: Use the Community Economic Development certificate to earn the **Certified Economic Developer designation.** Our courses satisfy the educational requirements for certification in many provinces. Check with your provincial association for details.



"I was equipped with a toolkit of strategies and a deeper appreciation for the impact I could have in my job and community."

SAMMY ONYEAMA-ASONYE //
EMPLOYEE SERVICES SUPERVISOR
HALIFAX TRANSIT

OPEN NEW DOORS

Dalhousie's Local Government certificates can start you on a journey to earning a university degree.

Build toward a bachelor's

Use Local Government courses toward a Bachelor of Professional Arts: Governance, Law and Management at Athabasca University.

Leap into a master's program

Enroll in a graduate program without a previous undergraduate degree, using the National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration.

Options include:

- Master of Public Administration (Management) at Dalhousie University
- MBA in Community Economic Development at Cape Breton University

For more information visit

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Our certificates

GET A FOUNDATION

Gain a deep understanding of the systems and frameworks that support local governments

- Associate Certificate in Local Government

SPECIALIZE

Build on the Associate Certificate in Local Government to establish your area of expertise

With an additional three courses, complete a certificate in one of our six areas of focus.

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Build on your area of expertise to prepare for a senior leadership role

- National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration (Level 1 and Level 2 in Alberta)

EXECUTIVE CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

Bringing elected and senior appointed municipal officials together to deal with complex problems

-The Political Administrative Alignment Imperative Certificate
-The Strategic Alignment Imperative Certificate



"Dalhousie's Local Government programs play a key role in building careers and strengthening communities."

LINDA DAVIES //

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/REGISTRAR
SOCIETY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
MANAGERS OF ALBERTA

How it works

COURSE-BASED CERTIFICATES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATORS

Dalhousie Local Government certificates build on each other to prepare you for each step of your career.

OUR BUILDING BLOCKS

3 Take It To The Next Level

The **National Advanced Certificate in Local Authority Administration (NACLA)** (Level 1 and Level 2 in Alberta) builds on the specialized certificates with six additional courses.

Foundation courses + Full Certificate + 6 courses

2 Specialize

Full Certificate in one of the following:

- Local Government Administration
- Financial Administration
- Human Resource Administration
- Law and Ethics
- Community Economic Development
- Citizen Engagement and Consultation

Foundation courses + 3 courses

1 Get A Foundation

The **Associate Certificate in Local Government** includes three courses that comprise the core curriculum of our six course specialized certificates.

3 courses

How do the Local Government Certificate Programs Operate?

QUALITY CURRICULUM

The curriculum is the product of an extensive process that brought together a dedicated team of professionals. This team included senior practitioners, subject matter experts, professional editors and adult educators collaborating to produce the most relevant learning experience for local government administrators in Canada.

QUALITY DELIVERY

All certificate courses are delivered entirely online. There are three terms: fall, winter and spring. Everything that students need is contained in the online environment including course readings, articles, web links, course schedule, student supports and program regulations. All communication with instructors and fellow students, forums and assignments are also contained in the online environment.

QUALITY CONVERSATIONS

The online environment encourages debate and discussion with other students and is not bound by time differences or geography. It also helps to develop and foster a learning community. Instructors are selected for their excellence and commitment. Students consistently rate this experience very highly as a contributing factor to their success.



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Key facts for certificate courses:

- 90% of students recommend Local Government courses to their peers
- Start in fall, winter and spring
- Take between 10 and 13 weeks to complete
- Require 6 to 10 hours of study per week



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