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Los Angeles
Community
Organizing
Academy



BECOME A PART OF THE LACOA NETWORK:

- MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
- GET THE SKILLS NEEDED TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZER!
- LEARN FROM EXPERTS IN THE FIELD!
- RECEIVE INTERNSHIP STIPEND & COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDIT!
- GET VALUABLE TOOLS TO SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION!
- PARTICIPATE IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION!

EVENING COURSES!

CLASSES BEGIN FEBRUARY 2014

DEADLINE: 5PM

JANUARY 24, 2014

**SPACE IS LIMITED!!!
APPLY TODAY!!!**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:

ONLINE: WWW.CDTECH.ORG/ABOUT-LACOA

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF: CDTECH

520 WEST 23RD STREET (ATTENTION: SHELIA) LOS ANGELES, CA 90007

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT SHELIA AT 213.763.2520 x250!



Los Angeles Community Organizing Academy (LACO)

Spring 2014 Application: Deadline January 24th, 2014 @ 5pm

1. What is the Los Angeles Community Organizing Academy (LACO)?

The Los Angeles Community Organizing Academy (LACO) is an education and training program dedicated to fostering generations of community organizers to work throughout Los Angeles. The program is housed at Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC) and administered by Community Development Technologies Center (CDTech).

2. What is offered in the program?

During the program, participants primarily attend college courses focused on community development and organizing in Los Angeles. Participants will also have access to internships, coaching and other professional training opportunities. Students will also have opportunities to do resident engagement by supporting local place-based community work.

3. Who would benefit from this program?

This program is great for people interested in developing a stronger theoretical understanding of community organizing and practicing their learning in the field. From working professionals to community residents, the program can benefit anyone who is passionate about community work and wishes to develop their capacity to be better leaders.

4. What is the time commitment for the program?

To receive a Certificate of Completion for the program, participants are required to complete two semesters of classes (18 units) with beginner classes offered in the fall and intermediate/advanced classes offered in the spring.

5. When and where are classes held?

Classes are generally held at the LATTC campus (400 West Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90015) with the possibility of classes being held off-site (with advanced notice). Classes for spring 2014 will be from February 10th-June 9th 2014, on Tuesdays and Thursdays 6pm-9:10pm.

6. What is the cost of the program?

LACO is a free college course program open to all community members!

7. What is the classes/subject matter taught?

Some of our courses have included: Introduction to Community Organizing, Contemporary Issues in Community Organizing, History of Community Development in Los Angeles, History of Social Justice Movement Theory, Ideology & Practice in America + more!

8. What can I do with the credits earned through the program?

Many of the credits earned through the LACO course are also California State University (CSU) transferrable. LACO graduates will also receive a Certificate of Completion at the culmination of their program. For specifics on which LACO courses are transferable, please contact program staff.

9. How do you sign-up?

You can complete this application and drop it off at CD Tech (520 W. 20th St., CA 90007). You can also request an application from our Program Coordinator Shelia Balque (213) 763-2520 Ext. 250, sbalque@cdtech.org.

SPRING 2014 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 24TH, 2014 BY 5PM!!

CD Tech Program Application 2014

Personal and Contact Information

First Name	Last Name	Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Gender	Ethnicity (Optional)
Phone Number	Email Address	Student ID# (if applicable)	Affiliated Organization (if applicable)	
Address		City	State	Zip

Education and Employment

What is your highest level of education?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Some college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H.S. Diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-year college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GED certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year college |

Are you currently in school or a training program? Please explain.

Name of school or program:
Major/program focus:

Are you currently employed? (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes full time <input type="checkbox"/> Yes part time <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, where are you currently employed and how long have you been employed there?			
Have you participated in any CD Tech Programs before? (i.e. PALA, Youth LEAD, LACOA, BHC-SLA Vermont Square/Vernon-Central)	CD Tech Program: Year(s) or Semester:	CD Tech Program: Year(s) or Semester:	
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Are you involved with any other organizations? If so please list each one, your role (i.e. participant, employee, board member) and how long you have been involved	Name of Organization: Your Role/Position: Length of affiliation:	Name of Organization: Role/Position: Length of affiliation:	
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Technology Access and Services

Do you have a computer & internet at home?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It works | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't work | |

To complete the program, would you need support in any of the following areas?

- Transportation
- Academic Support/Study Groups
- Continuing education/graduating from college
- Workforce opportunities (i.e. jobs, training, etc)
- Social services (i.e. housing, immigration, health etc)
- Special needs & disability access _____

Please rate your knowledge of the following on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the least knowledge and 5 being the most.

	1 No knowledge	2 Beginner	3 Intermediate	4 Advanced	5 Expert
Microsoft Word					
Microsoft Excel					
Microsoft PowerPoint					
Internet Use					
Web Research					
Writing Skills					
Public Speaking Skills					
Community Outreach Skills					
Community Organizing Skills					
Leadership Development Skills					
Base-Building Skills					
Community-based surveys & interviews					

Background Information

<p>How did you hear about us?</p> <p>Friend or family member <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Event _____ Focus Group</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Website Other (please explain)</p>	<p>What kind of transportation do you have access to?</p> <p>Own a car <input type="checkbox"/> Bus</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Other: _____</p>	<p>What are your longer-term goals?</p> <p>Work in a non-profit Continue onto higher education to get a A.A., Bachelors or higher degree</p> <p>Look for a job Advance in my professional Career</p> <p>Finish my GED or H.S. Diploma</p>
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Short Essays

Please respond to these two questions in 200 words or less. You may attach another sheet of paper, if needed.

1. Why do you want to learn community organizing skills? How do you feel you can apply these skills to your future goals?

2. What impact can organizing have on a community? Do you have any specific examples of how organizing has impacted you?

Definitions: In your own words, please provide a definition for the following terms:

Term	Definition (What it means to you)
Community Organizing	
Injustice	
Social Change	
Policy	
Leadership	
Collaboration	