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LABOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Deadline to apply is extended to April 8, 2024

Labour College, the Canadian Labour Congress' (CLC) flagship trade union leadership development program, is a unique learning opportunity for union leaders and active members to learn new skills and take on the challenges that face the labour movement. It provides university level courses on issues related to work and the rights of workers in Canada. It gives graduates the necessary tools to be effective leaders in their union, their labour council, and the wider labour movement for the benefit of all workers.

All CUPW members in good standing are eligible to apply for this post-secondary program. It is important to note that the program is only offered in English. Francophones who are bilingual are welcome.

The Labour College program aims to:

- build leadership skills and provide leadership tools;
- foster empowerment, self-confidence, and new networks of labour leaders;
- strengthen critical thinking skills;
- examine working class struggles and human rights issues that affect all workers; and
- create change.

SUBJECTS

Foundations of Political Economy	**Theory and Practice of Unions**	**Strategic Thinking, Planning and Project Development**
Research and Communications Skills	**Truth and Reconcili-Action**	**Leadership for Movement Building**
Education for Action/Organizing for Change	**Work and Workers in a Global World**	**Governance, Laws, and Policies**

SCHEDULE*

Three intensive course sessions are offered over 14 months or longer. Each session includes online and in-person learning in addition to independent study. In-person classes are offered each year in British Columbia (BC), and/or Ontario, and/or Nova Scotia.

SESSION 1: Unions in the Political Economy
June and September/October 2024 – Online
Week of July 14, 2024 – In person, Ontario

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SESSION 2: Labour Leadership and Organizing Change
January/February 2025—Online
Week of February 23, 2025 – In person, British Columbia

SESSION 3: Growing the Movement – Inside and Out
May/June 2025 – Online
July 2025 – In person, British Columbia

An orientation session will take place prior to the beginning of Session 1. The Independent Learning Project (online) will take place between sessions.

** Dates and locations may be subject to change.*

WHO SHOULD APPLY? *

CUPW members in good standing who:

- Are or have been active in their union (elected position, active volunteer, committee member, etc.);
- Have attended one or more labour education course(s);
- Are active in social and economic justice issues in their community;
- Are able to make the time over a year or more to attend and prepare for online and in- person courses and complete the independent learning requirements.

Members of equity-seeking groups – women workers, workers of colour, workers with disabilities, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-spirit, intersex, and Indigenous workers – are encouraged to apply.

** If you are considering applying, please contact **your Local and your Region** to advise them.*

HOW TO APPLY

Applications (for Cohort 13) will close on **April 8, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.** (Eastern Time).

All applicants are encouraged to speak with their union education representative and to identify available financial supports before submitting their application form.

To apply for the next LCC Certificate Program, start your application here:
https://clcctc.checkbox.ca/lcc-application-2024---cohort-13

If you have questions about the LCC Certificate Program, please email laboucollege@clcctc.ca.

WHAT ABOUT THE COSTS?

The Joe Davidson Education Fund, as outlined in Article 11.04 of the CUPW Constitution, covers the costs for one participant and a second applicant's costs will also be covered by CUPW.

In Solidarity,

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2nd National Vice-President

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