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## McMaster collaborates with Hamilton community to launch new Leadership Certificate

**Hamilton, Ontario:** Apply now for McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education's new Leadership in Community Engagement Certificate to start learning in January 2017. Developed in close collaboration with Hamilton Community Foundation, the School of Social Work, the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Neighbourhood Leadership Institute, this five-course program was created for professionals with diverse backgrounds who engage regularly with communities. As an academic certificate, the program is delivered in a blended format; the first course is entirely in-person and the rest of the courses have a mix of in-person and online components.

McMaster CCE Director Lorraine Carter shared her thoughts on the new program, "The Hamilton community has been asking for targeted educational opportunities specifically around collaborative leadership and community engagement. This program, developed through strong local partnerships and in response to research conducted in Hamilton, is our answer. In essence, the Leadership in Community Engagement program is a co-creative response by community partners and educators to strengthen the community."

Collaboration is a crucial component in the launch of this program, as demonstrated by the November 1 program webinar featuring McMaster CCE Director, Lorraine Carter, and Hamilton Community Foundation's Manager of Community Initiatives, Sarah Glen. They will be speaking about this academic certificate and why this program is so integral to Hamilton leadership.

"Hamilton is a very interconnected community. This certificate program will enable Hamilton professionals to increase their knowledge and skill in engagement initiatives while building strong connections in the community. We believe that leadership is a process, where the collective impact comes from working together for positive change," stated Sarah Glen, who also works as a community-based researcher and instructor in the McMaster Bachelor of Health Sciences Program. She is a strong advocate for both the City and the program.

### January 2017 Course Offerings

- Foundational Principles and Practices in Community Engagement
- Facilitating Collaborative Leadership and Grassroots Governance in Communities
- Communication & Conflict in Communities: Ethical Approaches in Supporting Successful Group Process and Decision Making

Come to the free [online program preview](#): November 1.

Application deadline is December 7. **Learn More:** <https://mcmastercce.ca/lce>