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International Economic Development Council	<u>Certified Economic Developer CEcD</u>	The CEcD exam intends to unite the field by establishing a baseline of core knowledge for economic development professionals. By offering this highly sought after and comprehensive designation, IEDC strives to promote the status and credibility, as well as enhance the knowledge and performance of economic developers.	Sit for and pass exam. To sit for exam, must have: 1. Experience 2. Professional Development 3. Participate in a test primer course.	https://www.iedonline.org/index.php	Y
National Development Council NDC	<u>Economic Development Financial Professional EDFP</u>	The Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) Certification Program is a rigorous, four-course training series that explores the skills essential for the successful practice of economic development – business credit and real estate finance analysis techniques, loan packaging procedures, negotiating and problem solving skills and deal structuring techniques. Participants in the EDFP Certification Program build the capacity to translate development opportunities into results for their communities.	Topics covered in the EDFP Certification Program include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business credit• Real estate finance analysis• Loan packaging procedures• Negotiating and problem solving skills• Deal structuring techniques Certification candidates must complete all four courses and pass the examination administered on the final day of each class. You may attend the courses at your own pace but may not enroll in any course until you have met all prerequisites.	https://ndonline.org/	Y
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association	<u>Certified Key Account Executive (CKAE)</u>	The Certified Key Account Executive Program (CKAE) helps key account executives and their electric co-ops construct and implement a winning key accounts management program, or further strengthen a program already in place. The CKAE Certification establishes that you have attained certain knowledge of and experience in the key account competencies. Participants can sign up for certification immediately after completing the Advanced Key Account Management course (for which Managing Your Electric Cooperative's Key Accounts course is a pre-requisite) and will have six months from the date that they pass the exam to complete all requirements.	To attain the CKAE credential, candidates need to successfully complete: 1. Coursework 3. Online Assessment 3. The Key Accounts Business Plan and Member Marketing Strategy	https://www.cooperative.com/Pages/default.aspx	Y
Institute of Organizational Management (IOM) - U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation	<u>Certified Chamber Executive (IOM)</u>	Institute for Organization Management is the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. It is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association and chamber professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities. Since 1921, Institute has educated hundreds of thousands of past, current, and future nonprofit leaders from across the country, making it one of the oldest and best regarded adult education programs in nonprofit management.	Four Year Courses include: six courses in each.	https://institute.uschamber.com/general-information/	
Council of Development Finance Agencies CDFA	<u>Development Financial Certified Professional DFCP</u>	The certificate in community economic development equips participants with the skills and knowledge to develop facilities, infrastructure and commercial centers that foster a sense of place and generate jobs and revenue. Course and certificate participants also learn how to effectively use available financial resources and technical tools to invigorate local businesses.		https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfa/web.nsf/pages/index.html	

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Neighbor Works America	Community Economic Development Professional Certificate Program	<p>Comprehensive community revitalization must include strategies to improve the local economy, creating an environment that supports the growth of businesses and provides opportunities for entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Our certificate in community economic development equips participants with the skills and knowledge to develop facilities, infrastructure and commercial centers that foster a sense of place and generate jobs and revenue. Course and certificate participants also learn how to effectively use available financial resources and technical tools to invigorate local businesses.</p>	<p>Individuals seeking to earn a professional certificate in community economic development must:</p> <p>Submit the enrollment form.</p> <p>Complete all coursework, practical exercises and tests within three years.</p> <p>It is possible to complete all program requirements in as few as three Neighbor Work Training Institutes. With prior approval from the training division staff, candidates may receive credit for relevant courses taken no more than two years prior to enrollment in the program.</p>	http://www.neighborworks.org/Home.aspx	
Community Development Institute	Professional Community and Economic Developer (PCED)	<p>CDI helps prepare you for this nationally-recognized certification offered through the CDC. The PCED exam content is based on the Community Development Handbook which provides comprehensive, current, and applicable information for community development practitioners. The exam includes questions to measure both the understanding of content and the ability to apply the appropriate methods and tools to specific community situations. The exam consists entirely of multiple choice questions divided into two parts. Part 1 covers content from selected chapters of the Community Development Handbook as revised. Part 2 consists of three case studies in which you are asked to apply knowledge gleaned from work experience, training, and/or the Handbook.</p>	<p>Accumulate a total of eight eligibility points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three points must come from three years experience. - Complete three years of Community Development Institute. - Sit for and pass test (fees and test application due before test date) 	http://www.cdouncil.com/index.htm	
The University of Southern Mississippi	Economic Development Certificate Program	<p>The goal of the Graduate Certificate in Economic Development program is to provide knowledge and skills for those currently employed or pursuing careers in economic development. Economic development professionals are typically employees of state and local governments and development agencies, Chambers of Commerce, regional planning organizations, and engineering firms who ensure that local and regional economies develop in a manner that is consistent with citizens' values and desires. The certificate program focuses both on the theoretical underpinnings of development as well as the management of economic development operations.</p> <p>The graduate certificate program was developed with the needs of working professionals in mind. All courses are offered in a blended format with intense in-person meetings and interactive, Web-based evening classes.</p>	<p>The Graduate Certificate in Economic Development (CIP 45.0604) requires four three-credit courses for completion and provides broad exposure to the field. Students who successfully complete the program are prepared to take on additional responsibilities in their existing careers or begin new careers as economic development professionals.</p>		
Eastern Carolina University	Economic Development Certificate Program	<p>The interdisciplinary graduate certificate in economic development provides students with opportunities to develop analytical, theoretical, and practical skills for both public and private sector careers in regional, economic, and community development. The certificate is open to students enrolled in graduate degree programs as well as non degree applicants who have earned baccalaureate degrees. For those who complete the certificate as non-degree students, a maximum of 9 sh. may be used in a subsequent degree program. Some degree programs will permit fewer. The program offers a flexible design to provide students from diverse disciplinary backgrounds with the opportunity to acquire a foundation in regional, economic, and community development while specializing in their respective areas of interest.</p>	<p>Complete 15 course hours</p>	http://www.ecu.edu/about	

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Advanced Economic Development Leadership	Advanced Economic Development Leadership	The AEDL program was years in the making. The level of experts and educators, coupled with core classes that are taught in an immersive, experiential setting, make this the most advanced program of its kind. The program goal: to enhance and expand the skills base of today's economic development professionals. This is the only program that is sponsored by four leading universities—The University of Alabama, Clemson, TCU, and Southern Mississippi—all working together to deliver the most dynamic, hands-on training program for economic developers. The AEDL program is one-of-a-kind. It is also selective, with applicants needing at least five years' professional economic development experience and a basic certificate. Please apply now to reserve your spot at this exciting two-week program that is becoming the standard in the industry. All economic developers who successfully complete this class will earn a Master Practitioner credential from the four partners universities.			
Business Retention and Expansion International	BRE Project Coordinator (BREC)	BRE Project Coordinator is the entry-level recertification for Business Retention and Expansion International. It is awarded to those who attend and complete the BREI Fundamentals Course, the BREI Basic Course (this course has been replaced by the Fundamentals Course) or an equivalent partner course. The certification is valid for a period of three years (expiration on December 31 of the third year following initial certification or recertification) and may be renewed by completing the appropriate education and participation requirements.	It is obtained through the successful completion of the BRE Fundamentals course.	https://brei.org/	
Business Retention and Expansion International	BRE Professional (BREP)	BRE Professional is the advanced level of certification. It is awarded to those who have completed a rigorous set of education requirements, demonstrated dedication to the profession and participated in the maintenance and growth of the BREI organization through service. In order to be eligible to receive the certification, a person must be a current member of BREI, hold a current BRE Project Coordinator certification, and complete the following mandatory requirements plus five additional activities from the following list. Certification is valid for a period of three years and must be renewed in order to retain the designation.	It is awarded to members completing a set of education requirements, participates in a BRE program and actively participates in the organization.	https://brei.org/	
American Planning Association	American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Certification	The American Institute of Certified Planners is APA's professional institute and provides the only nationwide, independent verification of planners' qualifications. Certified planners pledge to uphold high standards of practice, ethics, and professional conduct, and to keep their skills sharp and up to date by continuously pursuing advanced professional education.	Certified planners verify their academic and professional achievements by passing a rigorous, comprehensive examination. Learn about your eligibility, the application process, exam dates, registration, and preparation: Get educated. Gain experience. Apply for the AICP Certification Exam. Prepare for the AICP Certification Exam. Become an AICP member.	https://www.planning.org/	

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Antioch University	BA in Liberal Studies, Leadership for Service and Change (option for focus in Economic Development)	<p>The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, Leadership for Service & Change prepares committed individuals for lives of engagement in social justice work within local or global contexts. The goal of this interdisciplinary program is to prepare organizers, advocates, and change makers who understand self, their communities and the forces that disadvantage certain groups and individuals within those communities, in order to provide leadership for the common good.</p> <p>Course work includes theory, applied, and experiential learning designed to broaden understanding of the issues having an impact on individuals, their communities and the environments in which they exist, and to develop skills and strategies for action leading to positive change within them.</p>	Students who enter this program with an associate's degree or equivalent can complete this online liberal arts degree program in as few as 20 months. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree through Antioch University Connected include a total of 120 semester credit hours, including 54 credits of coursework for the Leadership for Service and Change degree.	https://www.antioch.edu/auonline/	
Kansas State University	Graduate Certificate in Community Development	The graduate certificate in community development consists of 12 credit hours of foundation and theories coursework in community development and electives to allow students to pursue subtopics such as land development, housing, community economic strategies, immigrants in communities and sustainable communities. Interested in a master's degree down the road? A major benefit of the K-State community development certificate is the ability to apply all 12 credits to the master's degree in community development.	www.ksu.edu	www.ksu.edu	
Wichita State University (Kansas)	Graduate Certificate In Economic Development	The Graduate Certificate in Economic Development offers advanced study in economic development by state and local governments. Four graduate-level courses are drawn from the Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs and the Barton School of Business. The curriculum will cover the established theory and practical application in urban planning, urban land development, urban economics, and state and local economic development. Those completing the program will be awarded the Graduate Certificate in Economic Development and completion will be recognized on the student's official university transcript.	www.wsu.edu	www.wsu.edu	
Fort Hays State University (Kansas)	Certificate in Community Development	Nine Credit Hours, Online Only. Astonishing social and economic change presents urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods and communities with uncertain futures and great challenges. Some urban neighborhoods and rural communities are scrambling to stem population out-migration, while others are dealing with population growth and urban sprawl. Community development is a fast-growing field of employment that addresses the social, physical, and economic revitalization and/or restructuring of a neighborhood or community. Certificate provides a base of community theory uniquely offered through teh Dept. of Sociology.	Nine credit hours. Offered only at this time.	www.fhsu.edu	