



Certified County Officials Silver Level

Silver Level programming is designed to:

- move officials to more advanced training in both issues and process skills
- advance officials' understanding of their responsibilities as well as the responsibilities of other officials (within county government, other forms of local government, state government and federal government)
- recognize local officials for their efforts in continually upgrading their knowledge and skills

Costs associated with Silver Level Certification are:

- \$45 to enroll in the program. This enrollment fee will support program development.
- Most individual courses will have registration fees. These will vary according to cost of materials development and reproduction, support for educators, and the length of program.

Silver Certification includes:

48 hours of credit (in addition to the 24 hours for bronze level CCO)

18 hours may be general programming, including (but not limited to)

- LGIEN Tele-Institutes
- IACO general sessions
- Annual Partners in Planning conference
- Pre-approved institutes sponsored and co-sponsored by University of Illinois Extension and the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners
- Individual affiliate association conferences and meetings (as approved)
- Other

30 hours from the following potential curricula offerings:

Each program will be 3-6 hours in length

- U-Facilitate
- Myers-Briggs Type Indicator®
- Economic Development for County Officials – online course
- Character at Work – Ethics Education
- Seven Habits of Highly Effective People
- Public Finance (under development)
- Management issues
 - management styles
 - dealing with conflict
 - contract negotiations
- Finance and Strategic Planning
- Strategic Business Plan – centralization of agreement; county board establish a business plan outlining capital assets, etc. over a 3-5-10 year plan

Programs will be offered through:

- Regional meetings
- Statewide summer meetings
- Before or after IACO meetings or other meetings
- Online courses
- Video conferencing