



Micro-certificate in Governance in Canadian Universities

Increase your governance expertise so you are prepared to ensure effective governance in Canadian universities and help to move them forward into the future. Enhance your knowledge and skills, and gain a university credential with Canada's first micro-certificate program for higher education professionals working in university governance.

Program description: If you work in governance at a Canadian university, this program is for you. It was designed for Higher Education Professionals (HEPROS) including individuals working in university secretariat and senate offices, provostial offices with responsibility for academic programming, and those working in faculty and school decanal offices with responsibility to support faculty level governance. Explore Canadian university governance, its foundational principles and relationships, and consider the role of the governance professional. Program designer and facilitator, Cheryl Foy has over 20 years of governance experience in the publicly traded, private, not-for-profit and university sectors. She considers each university's governance effectiveness in the context of the individual organization's strategy, understanding that there is "no one size fits all" model of governance. Cheryl is president of Strategic Governance Consulting Services Ltd, and the author of *An Introduction to University Governance*.

Skills and competencies: Learn to articulate the models and principles of university governance in Canada, define good governance in universities, and distinguish the unique aspects of governance within Canadian universities. You'll be able to summarize the components of

university governance, identify institutional bodies involved in university governance and compare their respective roles and relationships with governance offices in universities. As well, you will learn to explain the role and responsibilities of governance professionals in Canadian universities, and assess the opportunities and challenges faced by governance professionals to support good governance.

Program length: 12 weeks

Delivery: Online

Fees: \$1,475 including \$100 non-refundable application fee and course fees.

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Micro-Certificate in Governance in Canadian Universities Program Overview

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This program includes three courses.

Length of program: 36 contact hours

Required courses (36 contact hours)

CHRD 0132 Governance in Canadian Universities I: An Introduction to University Governance (12 contact hours)

This course introduces governance in Canadian universities by exploring the changing concepts of governance in society, examining what is good governance, discovering what is unique about university governance in Canada and discussing the nature and models of shared governance in Canada.

CHRD 0134 Governance in Canadian Universities II: Foundational Principles and Relationships in University Governance (12 contact hours)

In this course, foundational principles and relationships in university governance are explored including fiduciary and other legal duties, working with university boards, academic governing bodies, and university stakeholders.

CHRD 0136 Governance in Canadian Universities III: The Role of the Governance Professional (12 contact hours)

In this course, the role of the governance professional is considered, including contributions to effective governance focusing on leadership in the role,

decolonizing university governance, exploration of ethical questions and tensions arising in the context of university governance, and the governance professional's relationships.

Synchronous and asynchronous sessions

In the synchronous sessions, Cheryl will be joined by experienced university governance professionals as presenters and panelists. These guests will play a variety of roles and provide ample opportunity for questions and discussion. In addition to the synchronous sessions, asynchronous sessions will involve both group and individual reflective work. Each participant group will be facilitated by a mentor/guide who is a senior university governance professional.

Synchronous session dates Winter 2026

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