



National FDC™ Program's Instructors Leadership Institute Description

The FDC Leadership Instructors Institute is a 3-day in-person or 4-day virtual train-the-trainer for those interested in getting certified to teach the *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* course, a component of the comprehensive curriculum of the National Family Development Credential® (FDC™) Program. *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* is a community-based, interactive professional development training for supervisors and community leaders interested in supervising and leading their organizations using the principles and practices of the strength-based family development approach.

What are the qualifications to become an FDC Leadership Instructor?

Those interested in becoming FDC Leadership Instructors must apply to attend a National FDC Leadership Instructors Institute. Interested applicants should meet one of the following criteria:

- A Master's degree in education, psychology, social- work or a related field (preferred).
- A Bachelors' degree with years of leadership/supervisory experience.
- Leadership experience and some familiarity with the principles and practices of empowerment-based family support and will co-facilitate under a current FDC instructor with a degree.

The Application Process and Selection of FDC Leadership Instructors Institute Participants

All prospective applicants must complete the Leadership Instructors Institute Application form, signed by their supervisor, along with written responses to three questions outlining their supervisory and training experience, and plans to offer the course in their communities. Applicants will be notified via e-mail regarding acceptance into the Institute.

Applicants are selected for the FDC Leadership Instructors Institute based on these criteria:

- The applicant has the necessary qualifications to attend the Leadership Instructors Institute.
- Submits a complete and signed application with responses by the deadline.
- Plans to offer *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* as a community-based professional development training.
- If there are other FDC programs in the community, shows a willingness to work with and coordinate with them.



Information about the FDC Leadership Instructors Institute:

National FDC Trainers, Dr. Caroline Mavridis and Sue Pappas will co-facilitate the Institute. During that time, prospective FDC Leadership Instructors will have the opportunity to practice and enhance their skills by facilitating activities from the *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* curriculum, learn and share ideas with fellow leadership instructors, and develop a plan to introduce the series in their communities. Participants will be randomly assigned activities in advance of the Institute and notified so they can prepare.

** Please note that this Institute provides certification only to become an instructor for the 30-hour FDC Leadership course. For information on becoming an instructor of the 90-hour course for frontline workers, please visit our website www.familydevelopmentcredential.org**

Institute Costs:

The registration fee for each institute will vary depending on format and location (\$850+). National FDC/UConn will invoice after notice of acceptance.

Participants must purchase the *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* book (\$65.00) and the *Empowerment Skills for Leaders Instructor Manual* (\$65.00). The two publications are ordered from Hopkins Fulfillment Services <https://www.hfsbooks.com/publishers/family-development-press/>

Information about lodging and other accommodations will be provided if applicable.

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