



FDC Empowerment Skills for Leaders Instructors Institute *Information Sheet*

The FDC Leadership Instructors Institute is a 2 1/2-day train-the-trainer (4 day virtual) 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 the 2 1/2-day Leadership Instructors Institute. Interested applicants should meet the following criteria:

- Active FDC Instructors for the *Empowerment Skills for Workers* course who have conducted two or more FDC trainings and/or have two or more years supervisory experience are good candidates.
- Other supervisors and leaders with multiple years of leadership experience and who have some familiarity with the principles and practices of empowerment-based family support.
- A Master's degree in education, psychology, social- work or a related field is required, however, years of experience will also be considered in lieu of a Masters. Potential future articulation agreements with colleges may require leadership instructors to possess a Master's degree for participants to earn college credit for completing the course.

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 meets the necessary qualifications to attend the Leadership Instructors Institute.
- Submits a complete application (application form, responses to questions by the deadline date).
- Plan to offer *Empowerment Skills for Leaders* as a community-based professional development training. If there are other FDC programs in the community, a willingness to work with and coordinate with them.

Information about the FDC Leadership Instructors Institute:

Dr. Claire Forest and/or Senior FDC Instructor Carol West 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.

Institute Costs:

The registration fee for each institute will vary depending on location. National FDC will invoice upon receipt of your registration.

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.

For more information or questions regarding the FDC Leadership Instructors Institute, please contact:

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