

Registration Is Open!

Two options to join!

VCU Advanced Certificate in Youth Development Management

Price: \$1,499.00

Includes: All three sections (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

Benefit: Save \$298 by enrolling in the full certificate program.

Register for Full Enrollment

<u>Principles and</u> <u>Foundation of Youth</u> <u>Development (Fall</u> <u>Semester Only)</u>

Price: \$599.00

(Pay for each section individually)

Total Investment: \$1,797.00 if paying for all three sections separately.

Register for Fall Session

The VCU Advanced Certificate in Youth Development Management is designed for educators, youth program staff and professionals working with youth who aspire to lead and make impactful changes in the field of youth development. This comprehensive program integrates theoretical knowledge with practical skills through a series of specialized courses. each targeting the unique aspects of youth development. Cohort members will engage in deep explorations of foundational principles, restorative practices, and leadership strategies essential for effective, inclusive and positive youth engagement



Certification Hours



Caregivers, Mentors and Teachers

A **non-credit credential** managed by the VCU Mary and Frances Youth Center.

Eighty hours of coursework over three semesters. Two hours per week.

Weekly sessions meet on Thursdays from 10 to 12 noon.

Fall: August 22nd to December 5th

Spring: January 16th to May 1st

Summer: June 5 to July 31st

Open to professionals in youth programs and education that support youth in classrooms and out-of-school settings including;

- Educators, school administrators, volunteers and support staff
- Early education and out-ofschool-time employees
- Non-profit youth organizations
- Social workers
- Healthcare professionals
- Faith-based groups
- Mentor programs
- Youth camps

Collaborative community

partnerships that enhance access to resources and support networks for young people.

Holistic approaches that consider social, emotional, and professional needs.

Workforce pathways to jobs in the region and around the state.

Culturally responsive

programming tailored to meet the needs of diverse youth populations in the Richmond region and throughout Virginia.

Leadership strategies that promote inclusivity and empower young people.

Innovative methods for empowering youth in decision-making processes and civic participation throughout the Commonwealth.

Certificate Focus

Create a skilled and empowered workforce capable of meeting the diverse needs of youth in Richmond and across Virginia



Culture of expectation that program staff in youth development organizations will be highly trained & invested in their own growth as professionals as well as that of the field

A Regional Need for Workforce Development

Fostering and strengthening

Social And Emotional Development Skill Development And Job Training Partnerships With Local Organizations Expanded Access To Resources Integration With Education & Health Systems Advocacy For Youth And Young Adults Assessing And Evaluating Youth Programs Long-Term Sustainability In The Field



Field Placements

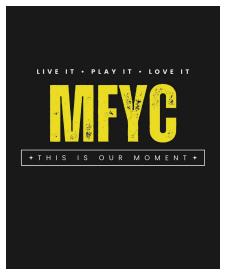
Field placements teach handson experiences and practical exposures to the challenges, dynamics, and demands of youth programs. Cohort members may be placed within schools, community centers, or youth organizations and under the supervision of MFYC staff.

Become a certificate cohort member. Learn more and register here!

MFYC Summer Camps









Learn more about MFYC Summer Camps



Virginia Out-of-School-Time Program Access Map



The VPOST OST Access Map Project shows where there are known programs and compare them against various factors of interest such as working families, poverty, and legislative districts. They are intended to inform the landscape of OST program access in Virginia and are not intended as a program referral. Add and update your program to this map.

Visit the VPOST map.

<u>Richmond</u>YDN brings together people who are working in out-of-school time, youth development, and education to promote high-quality youth programs as well as social, emotional learning tools for adults.

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