



Lifelong Learning Academy 2025

Education Calendar

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Institute of Government
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

“KICK OFF YOUR CORE”—NORTH

January 10, 2025

UGA-Gwinnett Campus / Gwinnett County

- CORE: CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- CORE: ETHICS

“KICK OFF YOUR CORE”—SOUTH

January 24, 2025

Central GA Tech. College / Macon-Bibb County

- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (Required for CORE Certification)

February 6-7, 2025

Rainwater Conference Center

Valdosta / Lowndes County

CAPITOL CONNECTION CONFERENCE

February 24-25, 2025 (LLA classes on Feb. 24)

Marriott Marquis Downtown Atlanta

Atlanta / Fulton County

February 24

- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- CORE: ETHICS
- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- Specialty: Navigating Change [CE]

CAPITOL CONNECTION CONFERENCE—cont’d.

- Specialty: Capital Improvement Planning [COM]
- Specialty: Federal & State Relations [IR]
- Specialty: Demographics & Diverse Perspectives [QL/SI]

SPRING LLA SESSION

March 13-14, 2025

Tifton / Tift County

UGA TIFTON CAMPUS CONFERENCE CENTER

Day 1:

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 1 of 2*)
- CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Specialty: Understanding Leadership Styles [LD]
- Specialty: Public Safety: Developing Collaborative Strategies & Practices [PS]
- Specialty: Federal & State Budgeting [RF]

Day 2:

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 2 of 2*)
- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC HEALTH
- Specialty: Transparency in Government [CE]
- Specialty: Global Commerce & GA’s Target Industries [ECD]
- Specialty: Managing Meetings [COM]

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 24-27, 2025

Savannah Convention Center

Savannah / Chatham County

April 24

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 1 of 2*)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- Specialty: Getting Your Message Out [CE]
- Specialty: County Insurance and Risk Management [COM]
- Specialty: Understanding the Benefits of Land Use & Planning [ECD]
- Specialty: Constitutional Officers [IR]
- Specialty: The Art of Negotiation [IR]
- Specialty: Leadership in Local Government [LD]
- Specialty: Leadership Team Building: Creating “We’s” from “I’s” [LD]
- Specialty: Courts & the Justice System [PS]
- Specialty: Addressing Complex Community Issues [QL/SI]
- Specialty: Transportation Funding: Options & Strategies [RF]

April 26

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 2 of 2*)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- CORE: ETHICS

Please Note:

ACCG will make every effort to keep the class schedule as it published on the education calendar. However, there are times when changes cannot be avoided. Please watch for updates and final registration details closer to the LLA session dates.

Class size may be limited to ensure a productive learning environment for all – watch the individual session registrations for this information.

VERY IMPORTANT: ACCG’s Attendance Policy states that participants must attend the entire class to receive credit. Partial credit will NOT be awarded.

Specialty Track Codes:

- CE – Citizen Engagement
- COM – County Operations & Management
- ECD – Economic & Community Development
- IR – Intergovernmental Relations
- LD – Leadership Development
- PS – Public Safety
- QL/SI – Quality of Life/Social Issues
- RF – Revenue & Finance



ANNUAL CONFERENCE—continued

April 26

- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- Specialty: Strategic Planning [CE]
- Specialty: Management and Human Resources Responsibilities [COM]
- Specialty: Workforce Development [ECD]
- Specialty: Understanding Local Economic Development Assets [ECD]
- Specialty: Regional Cooperation [IR]
- Specialty: Voice of Leadership [LD]
- Specialty: Mental Health & the Criminal Justice System: Costs & Implications [PS]
- Specialty: Building Sustainable Communities [QL/SI]
- Specialty: The County Audit Process [RF]
- Specialty: Developing Financial Policies [RF]

ONLINE LLA CLASS

May 21, 2025—Specialty: Identifying Funding for Community Enhancements [QL/SI]

CORE: LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (Required for CORE Certification)

June 12-13 2025

Location TBD (*planning for approx. east central Georgia*)

ONLINE LLA CLASS

June 27, 2025—Specialty: Fire, EMS, and 9-1-1 [PS]

SUMMER LLA SESSION

July 24-25, 2025

Callaway Gardens Resort
Pine Mountain / Harris County

July 24

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 1 of 2*)
- Specialty: Technology Solutions [COM]
- Specialty: Resolving Conflict [IR]
- Specialty: Public Safety Impacts of At-Risk Individuals & Families [PS]
- Specialty: Efficiencies in County Finance [RF]

July 25

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 2 of 2*)
- Specialty: Effective County Government [CE]
- Specialty: Revitalizing Your Community [ECD]
- Specialty: Board Dynamics [LD]
- Specialty: Arts, Culture, and Tourism [QL/SI]

ONLINE LLA CLASS

August 8, 2025—Specialty: Air, Land, and Water: County Challenges & Responsibilities [COM]

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (Required for CORE Certification)

August 14-15, 2025

Union County Community Center; Blairsville / Union County

ONLINE LLA CLASS

September 10, 2025—Specialty: Using Incentives for Economic Development [ECD]

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (LLC)

October 8-10, 2025

Jekyll Island Convention Center
Jekyll Island / Glynn County

October 8

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 1 of 2*)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT FINANCE
- CORE: ETHICS
- CORE: PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- Specialty: Civic Engagement [CE]
- Specialty: County Retirement Programs [COM]
- Specialty: Crisis Management [IR]
- Specialty: Disaster & Emergency Preparedness: Commission Roles & Responsibilities [PS]

October 10

- CORE: PROPERTY APPRAISAL & TAXATION (*Day 2 of 2*)
- CORE: COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW
- CORE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES
- Specialty: Managing Growth [ECD]
- Specialty: Collaborative Leadership [LD]
- Specialty: Parks, Recreation, and Active Living [QL/SI]
- Specialty: Debt Financing [RF]

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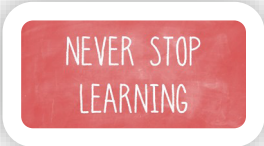
November 13-14, 2025

Great Wolf Lodge; LaGrange / Troup County

ADDITIONAL LLA INFORMATION:

- ⇒ We are now offering an alternative way to complete CORE: County Government 101. This class is one of the nine required CORE classes to become a Certified County Commissioner or Certified County Official.
- ⇒ Did you know you have the option to complete the CORE: HUMAN RESOURCES class as an on-line class through the UGA Center for Continuing Education?
- ⇒ Contact Jeff Christie for details on both of these offerings!

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Keep Track of Your LLA Progress:

You can now keep up with your LLA Training progress within our new Engagifii database, under your *Events and Training* tab! All active users were sent an email from the Engagifii platform that asked them to create a password for login.

Once your account has been established, you are able to log in with your email and (self-created) password to view and print your training records. The only way to access this database is through the email invite that was sent to you.

If you did not receive an email or have any questions about accessing the database, please contact Eric Lopez, Enterprise Applications Administrator, at elopez@accg.org.

CERTIFICATION STATUS

To receive CORE Certification, participants must complete 9 required courses totaling 66 hours.

Upon completion, county commissioners achieve the status of “Certified County Commissioner” and are eligible for an increase to the monthly compensation received from the county.