



Frequently Asked Questions: (LEC) Leadership Excellence Certification

What is the history of the LEC program?

The LEC began in 2009. The GACVB wished to offer its members, and conference and meeting attendees, the option of personal and professional leadership development - an added value to attending. Those who attend the sessions receive Continuing Education Units (CEU's) and those who attend all sessions receive Leadership Excellence Certification (LEC).

What is a "LEC credential" and how can I use it?

Once you receive your LEC certification you will receive a frame worthy certificate and may list in your signature, on your resume (and elsewhere if you wish) that you are Leadership Excellence certificated through The Leadership Institute at Columbus State University. This lets others know that you have been through a basic leadership development program in order to strengthen your supervising, organizational and strategic skills as a leader.

What value does the LEC certification have outside my current tourism position?

Your LEC certification belongs to you personally and travels with you. You can use the information learned in these sessions in any field.

Do I have to take the Tiers in order?

No, for the basic LEC sessions you can take them when they are offered but you must complete all sessions in order to receive the certification. We do offer ADVANCED LEC sessions for those who are LEC certified. You cannot take these sessions if you have not received your LEC certification.

What do I do if I am missing a course in a Tier, can I still start the next Tier?

Yes, for the basic LEC sessions you can take them when they are offered.

Can I take the courses anyplace other than the GACVB meetings?

No and Yes, this a special program that was put together specifically for GACVB and these sessions are offered only at GACVB meetings and conferences. The only exception is if your organization wished to contract with The Leadership Institute to facilitate a session privately. There is a cost involved with this option. There is no additional cost to participants who attend the sessions through GACVB.

Are any of the courses available online or at The Cunningham Center?

Not online but these classes are available through the The Leadership Institute should your organization wish to set up a private session.

What if I leave GACVB, can I continue working toward my certification?

Yes, you would just need to continue to attend Governor's Conference and Winter Meeting.