

NC CENTER FOR WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Fifth Annual Summer Institute Prepares Women for Public Service

Thinking about running for public office? Or serving on a campaign team to get someone elected? Do you have your eye on an appointed position, on a board or committee? How do you get from "I'd like to..." to "I'm on my way"?

The Summer Institute, an interactive, hands-on, high-energy workshop spread over two summer weekends, is geared toward women who'd like to learn more of what to expect from running for public office or seeking an appointed position. The Institute features knowledgeable professors, presenters from major political parties, media experts, elected and appointed officials, leadership trainers and successful graduates of the Summer Institute. The Institute is non-partisan and keeps its goal simple: to see more women on ballots and in public service in North Carolina. Now in its fifth year, the Institute has graduated over 50 women who are making a difference in their communities.

If you participate in The Summer Institute, you can expect to:

- Interact with women who have served in appointed or elected public positions
- Identify the constituents, organizations and groups that may support your goals
- Develop a campaign and learn how to recruit the help you'll need
- Practice presenting ideas with persuasion and confidence
- Explore the duties and powers of local boards and commissions, including how to shape agendas and run meetings
- Find out how to shape agendas, run meetings, and handle setbacks
- Track the local use of power and spot opportunities for getting things done.

The curriculum, led by Peace faculty, Center staff and guest speakers, features lectures and group discussions on communication techniques, mentoring, media relations and message development and presentation. The Summer Institute is sponsored by the North Carolina Center for Women in Public Service, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that prepares women to seek and serve in elected and appointed office statewide.

The Institute is held on the campus of Peace College over two, conveniently spaced summer weekends. Participants arrive on Thursday evenings and stay through Sunday lunch on June 26-29 and July 17-20, 2008. All meals, housing and materials are included in one fee of \$1000. NCCWPS is committed to providing tuition assistance to Summer Institute candidates.

NCCWPS encourages women of all backgrounds and interests to participate in this nonpartisan institute. If you or someone you know is interested in attending The Summer Institute, please refer them to www.nccwps.org for the Summer Institute Program Summary, Application and Tuition Assistance Request information. Class size is limited to 20 women and the deadline for applications is April 30, 2008, so act soon!

For questions, please contact the SI Program Coordinator, Katrina Lamberto at Klamberto@nccwps.org or 919-508-2308.

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