Curriculum
The complete CDI program consists of three, one-week training sessions which can be completed in subsequent years or in the same year by fast tracking within the CDI network. Participants are exposed to a comprehensive, applied approach to community and economic development. In addition to learning from successful practitioners, CDI also offers valuable networking and peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

Year 1
- Basics of Community and Economic Development
- Principles of Community Development
- Community Partnering
- Identifying and Developing Stakeholders/Volunteers
- Community Assessments
- Strategic Visioning and Planning
- Asset-based Community Development
- Community Infrastructure
- Economic Development Incentives
- Understanding Diversity
- Social Media Tools and Resources
- Community Development Simulation

Year 2
- Designing Communities
- Business Retention and Expansion
- Target Markets
- Entrepreneurship
- Community Finance
- Global Trends and Impacts
- Metrics
- Community Survey and Asset Mapping
- Commercial and Industrial Development
- Social Media Tools and Resources
- Building a Workforce
- Regional Planning Simulation

Year 3
- Workforce Planning and Development
- Tourism
- Establishing/Managing Development Orgs.
- Marketing Your Community
- Conflict Resolution
- Ethics
- Project Management
- Economic Modeling
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Social Media Tools and Resources
- Best Practices