The Coro Women In Leadership (WIL) program is a three-month, part-time training program that provides women the opportunity to refine their personal, professional and civic leadership competencies, learn about the St. Louis community, and connect with other women from diverse backgrounds.

The Coro WIL program is offered twice a year, each spring and fall. Alumnae leave the program with a deeper understanding of themselves and their goals, along with the knowledge, skills, resources and networks to bring those goals to life. You'll also join a network of more than 1,000 Coro WIL alumnae (and nearly 10,000 FOCUS alumni).

Who Should Apply

Coro Women In Leadership is open to women of all ages with a desire to strengthen their leadership skills and effectiveness. Ideal candidates include mid-level managers, entrepreneurs and community leaders.

Like all FOCUS programs, Coro WIL welcomes applicants from all backgrounds and sectors. Classes are selected to represent the diversity of the St. Louis region.

“"The connections I’ve made and knowledge I’ve gained are invaluable to my development as a professional and as a transplant. It’s been really helpful to me in figuring out my place in the community."  
- Nicole Williams

WHAT TO EXPECT

Curriculum

Coro is a model of training and education that was founded in 1942 to prepare citizen leaders. This time-tested curriculum is based on the following principles:

- Emphasis on inquiry and experiential learning
- Using the community as a classroom
- Providing opportunities for participants to assess leadership competencies and develop strategies for improvement
- Valuing the critical role of diversity and inclusion in leadership training

Along the way, you'll have the opportunity to hone your facilitation, negotiation and communication skills, explore issues and challenges facing our region, tap into resources to make you a more effective leader and get to know others who are passionate about making a difference.

Commitment

The Coro Women In Leadership program consists of four seminars, held on Saturdays, and three Field Days, held on Thursdays. Seminars and Field Days are held all over St. Louis, giving you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the region, observe different styles of leadership and talk with business, community and civic leaders.
FALL PROGRAM DATES

Friday, July 17  Application Deadline
Saturday, Aug. 8   Selection Day
Saturday, Sept. 12     Seminar One
Thursday, Sept. 24 Field Day One
Saturday, Oct. 3  Seminar Two
Thursday, Oct. 15 Field Day Two
Saturday, Oct. 24 Seminar Three
Thursday, Nov. 5 Field Day Three
Saturday, Nov. 14 Seminar Four
May 2021  FOCUS Now Graduation

All seminars and field days run 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Most seminars are held at the FOCUS St. Louis office, while field days are hosted at sites around the region.

Application Process
Applications for the Coro Women In Leadership program can be found online at www.focus-stl.org. Two recommendations are required; a link to this form will be sent upon submission of your application.

Applicants will also participate in a Saturday half-day interview and selection process.

The application deadline for our Fall 2020 class is Friday, July 17, 2020.

You may also nominate an employee or colleague for the program online, and we will follow up to provide them with the application materials.

Program Cost
The tuition for the Coro Women In Leadership program is $2,000 and includes lunch and parking for some of the program days, as well as a complimentary FOCUS St. Louis membership during your time in the program.

Tuition is often covered in part or full by the participant’s employer. Partial scholarship assistance is available to those with demonstrated financial need.

About FOCUS St. Louis
FOCUS St. Louis is the region’s premier leadership development organization. FOCUS prepares a diverse base of leaders to work cooperatively for a thriving St. Louis region through our experience-based leadership training, civic issue education and public engagement initiatives.

FOCUS offers a continuum of leadership programs to engage leaders at every stage of their journey, from high school students to senior executives. More than 8,000 individuals have completed our programs, and FOCUS alumni and members are leaders who make a difference.

For More Information
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