Brown’s Leadership Certification Program

Module Titles and Descriptions

An Orientation to Leadership at Brown:

This orientation is designed to ensure new leaders get off to a good start and existing leaders revisit important resources. As such, the program covers information, tools, and resources available to ensure success at the University. Details about the Leadership Certification Program, a required program for all new and newly promoted leaders, will also be provided.

Prerequisite: Enrollment in the Leadership Certification Program

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:

● Discuss the role of the Brown leader and leadership best practices
● Identify the components of the Leadership Certification Program and other key resources for success

Communication: Connect Through Conversations:

Brown University needs frontline leaders with strong interpersonal skills who can get things done by mobilizing and engaging staff. Communicate: Connect through Conversations is the prerequisite module for three of the Leadership Certification Program core modules. This module will teach leaders the Interaction Essentials model and key principles to handle the variety of challenges and opportunities they will encounter in the workplace every day.

Prerequisite:

1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:

● Achieve results through others by building strong interpersonal relationships
● Plan for successful interactions with team members
● Provide meaningful, supportive feedback that motivates team members and helps individuals improve their performance
● Impact outcomes by consistently meeting the personal and practical needs of staff
Coaching: Moving People Forward:

This session will help leaders handle both proactive and reactive coaching discussions. By understanding the importance of four coaching techniques, leaders will have more effective and efficient interactions. Since both proactive and reactive coaching discussions can be challenging, leaders will use relevant scenarios to make the module especially meaningful to them.

Prerequisites:
1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown
2. Communication: Connect Through Conversations

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:
- Increase the agility and impact of their coaching
- Make the most of each coaching opportunity
- Provide input to help team members gain timely insights into their work
- Enhance the confidence and competence of their staff on an ongoing basis
- Build an engaged team that feels challenged and valued

Addressing Poor Performance:

Some leaders still struggle with staff who exhibit poor performance or work habits despite repeated coaching. Leaders will learn how to focus on operational and behavioral issues and how to overcome defensiveness. Gathering and using data to provide effective feedback and balancing seeking and telling to gain commitment for improvement will also be reviewed. Finally, participants will practice conducting performance improvement discussions.

Prerequisites:
1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown
2. Communication: Connect Through Conversations

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:
- Address poor performance in a firm, fair, and consistent manner
- Minimize the impact of chronic performance problems on people, productivity, and results
- Provide problem performers with a clear understanding of what they must do to improve and the consequences of failing to do so
- Encourage staff to take ownership of and be accountable for improving their performance
Resolving Workplace Conflict:

Today, organizations continually ramp up productivity, improve quality, shorten cycle times, and reduce costs. An unfortunate, but natural by-product is workplace conflict. One of the course’s key messages is that leaders must help employees accept accountability for owning and resolving their workplace conflicts. Leaders do this through coaching and working closely with an HR colleague.

Prerequisites:

1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown
2. Communication: Connect Through Conversations

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:

- Reduce the damaging effects of workplace conflict on individuals, groups, and Brown
- Effectively address workplace conflict and enhance productivity, efficiency, and morale
- Help others take responsibility for resolving their own conflicts
- Promote a culture of trust

Developing Yourself and Others:

Research tells us employee engagement is the primary enabler of the successful execution of organizational strategy, and no one impacts the state of engagement and retention more than an employee’s immediate manager. This module provides leaders with a model for determining what drives an individual’s engagement as well as methods for proactively engaging and retaining talent. Leaders will learn how to conduct engagement and retention conversations and explore ways to recognize people, using no-cost everyday methods to create an engaging environment.

Prerequisite:

1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:

- Engage individuals on a daily basis
- Uncover and address what individuals need to be more satisfied and engaged at work
- Inspire higher levels of engagement by acknowledging the value staff bring to Brown and showing they matter
- Increase the quality of conversations with staff about their engagement and intent to stay at Brown
**A Leader's Guide to Delegating:**

Effective delegation accomplishes much more than the task at hand. It also builds trust for future delegations, helps staff develop new skills, and reduces managerial stress. In this session leaders will learn the different stages of delegation, while learning to match a person’s capabilities and motivations to an appropriate task.

**Prerequisite:**

1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown

**Objectives:** By the end of this module, the leader will be able to:

- Discuss the benefits and challenges of delegating
- Learn and practice a 5-step process to effectively delegate

**Inclusive Leadership: A 3-Part Series**

In this 3 part series participants will have the opportunity to closely examine their own lived experiences within the context of a researched inclusive leadership model. Participants will explore the characteristics necessary to be an effective leader of diverse teams while engaging concepts of power and privilege applied through a personal lens. The relationships between participants’ own social identities, privileges and disadvantages, and how these experiences ultimately contribute to their own leadership traits will be the focus of the dialogue throughout the program. This series is meant to support leaders in building confidence, skills, and appreciation for interacting across differences broadly.

**Prerequisite:**

1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown
2. Communication: Connect Through Conversations

**Objectives:** By the end of this module, the leader will:

- Explore the concepts of power and privilege in the context of leadership, and examine how their social identities bring both unearned privilege and unearned disadvantage.
- Have greater insight into how to work effectively with those from different backgrounds and how to address conflict within diverse groups.
- Examine what it means to be culturally confident and begin to apply their cultural confidence in the workplace.
A Guide To Navigating Team Dynamics:

What’s the number one cause of conflict at work? People. When different personalities clash, it’s bound to cause some reverberations. But understanding and embracing what makes each person unique can produce a high-performing team that excels without exception. This course will teach you how to build team dynamics that serve rather than hinder your development by discovering different roles, work styles, and generational differences. You’ll learn to improve collaboration by finding a style that resonates and learning what makes your team tick.

Prerequisite:

1. An Orientation to Leadership at Brown

Objectives: By the end of this module, the leader will:

- Identify and react to the stage of growth for your team.
- See how team members feel and behave.
- Define the goals and objectives of your team.
- Identify action items you can take to help your team achieve high performance.

Leadership Certification Program (LCP) Electives:

LCP is offering 4 elective courses that participants can take to fulfill the course requirements. Take 2 of the 4 elective sessions delivered by LinkedIn Learning.

Note: Talent Development is committed to continuous improvement of our programs. With that in mind, program requirements and expectations are subject to change.