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Executive
Certificate in
**AFFORDABLE
HOUSING**



A joint program offered by:

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Why was the program created?

Lack of affordable housing supply has culminated in a housing crisis in the West. As communities scramble to tackle this problem, the demand for highly skilled professionals in the affordable housing sector is growing. This certificate program is designed to help meet that demand, by providing professionals with both the foundational & technical knowledge needed to build more quality affordable housing and more equitable communities.



Who is the program designed for?

The program is designed for: 1) Professionals currently working in the housing sector (real estate professionals, developers, planners, attorneys, civic leaders, property managers, architects, lenders, etc) who are looking to upskill, and 2) Professionals looking to reskill to transition into work in the affordable housing sector. University graduate students may also apply for this program to enhance their learning.



What are the program courses?

The program features 8 course modules that can be completed in 8 months: 1) An Orientation Workshop/Overview of Affordable Housing, 2) Housing Policy, 3) Legal/Regulatory Context: Planning, Zoning & Entitlement, 4) Social Dimensions of Affordable Housing, 5) Affordable Housing & Project Finance, 6) Construction Management, Design & Innovations, 7) Development & Management of Affordable Housing, and 8) a Capstone Project.



Are courses online or in-person?

Coursework will be primarily online, but participants will be required to attend 2, in-person/weekend-long intensives at DU's campus at the beginning and end of the program.



How much does it cost?

The total program cost is \$10,000. Note: This fee does not include travel/lodging costs for the weekend-long, in-person Orientation Workshop or Capstone Project in Denver.



How long is the program?

The program can be completed in 8 months and will be held from late Sept. - early June. Each monthly, online module will last 3-5 weeks. In-person intensives will last approximately 2.5 days (1 weekend each).



Who are the instructors?

Participants will learn from DU faculty as well as professional experts in real estate, construction management, law, social work, and public policy.



How much time will I spend per week?

Participants can expect a total time commitment of 3-4 hours/week: 2 hours of live, online classes, plus 1-2 hours of independent study.



What certificate will I receive?

This is a non-degree program. No transcripts or credits will be given. Upon completion of the program, participants will receive an Executive Certificate in Affordable Housing.



Are scholarships available?

Need-based scholarships will be awarded. For more information or to apply, visit: www.du.edu/affordablehousing



Will I get continuing ed. credits?

We will be applying for continuing education credits for the program.



What is the class size?

Class sizes will be limited to 25 students to allow for maximum engagement and learning.

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When does the program start?

The program will begin September 19-21, 2025, with an in-person, weekend-long Orientation Workshop on DU's campus in Denver, Colorado.



Are there eligibility requirements? How do I apply?

Applicants should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent professional experience. Program registration opens on January 13, 2025. To apply, please visit: www.du.edu/affordablehousing. Applications received by March 30, 2025 will receive an early bird discount on the application fee (\$75). The final deadline to apply is May 30, 2025. Acceptance notifications will be sent by: June 20, 2025.



What is required to complete the program?

Completion of the program will require: 1) In-person participation at both the September & June weekend-long intensive modules (at DU's campus in Denver), and 2) Substantial participation (75% attendance) at each of the remaining online models. If necessary, students will be allowed an additional year to make up any incomplete/missed modules.



What are the approved payment options?

Payment of the \$100 application fee can be made online via credit/debit card. Upon acceptance into the program, payment of the program fee can be made via check, wire transfer, or credit card. Payments may also be made in installments (1/2 by July 15, 2025 and 1/2 by September 19, 2025).