

Build the Professional Toolkit You Need to Make a Difference!

Professional Development for UMBC Undergraduates with 60+ Credits

Are you thinking about generating change in the world, before and after graduation? **Do you want to build the skills that will help you become an effective change maker?** In just 5 weeks, you can take a one-credit **Community Leadership Skills Course** taught by subject matter experts. Winter/Spring 2026 Skills Courses include *Digital Storytelling*, *Asset Based Community Development*, *Programming for Inclusive Practice*, and *Budgeting for Community Impact*.

See the back of this sheet for a schedule of skills courses coming up in 2026 & 2027! You enroll in a Community Leadership Skills Course just like you would enroll in any UMBC course. Look for CLDR 410 ("Special Topics") under Community Leadership. You can take one course during the Winter Session, and one, two, or three courses in the Spring Semester. Each course is worth one credit. You also will earn a digital badge for each Skills Course that you complete; if you complete 3 Skills Courses, you earn a Community Leadership Skills Set Level 1 badge!



Link to Digital Badging



Upcoming Schedule for Skills Courses (CLDR 410)

Winter 2026

Digital Storytelling

Spring 2026

- Programming as Inclusive Process
- Asset Based Community Development
- Budgeting for Community Impact

Summer 2026

- Podcasting Essentials
- Participatory Decision Making

Fall 2026

- Grantwriting for Social Change
- Foundations of Strategic Planning
- Branding & Messaging in the Social Sector

Winter 2027

Digital Storytelling

Spring 2027

- Asset Based Community Development
- Budgeting for Community Impact
- Social Justice Leadership & Dialogue

Summer 2027

- Podcasting Essentials
- Grassroots Community Advocacy

Fall 2027

- Places & Placemaking
- Grantwriting for Social Change
- Foundations of Strategic Planning
- Community Organizing