



The Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute, Inc.

The Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute is a structured educational program developed for elected and appointed county officials. The program is designed to make county officials more knowledgeable of the issues and better prepared to find ways to address them in a cooperative manner. A Certificate of Achievement is awarded to each county official who completes the Institute's course requirements. **The Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute is supported through a partnership with the NYS Association of Counties and Cornell University/CaRDI (Community and Regional Development Institute).**

Certificate of Achievement

To obtain a certificate of achievement from the Pelletier Institute, registrants must enroll in the Institute and complete 34 credits of instruction. Classes are offered at NYSAC conferences and other events throughout the year. The Pelletier Institute is also expanding the use of on-line sessions to bring courses right to your desktop. To obtain a certificate, participants must complete 20 credits in required "core" courses, 10 credits awarded for elective sessions and four continuing education credits.

Electives Enable Customized Training

As a registered participant, you can customize your training through participation in elective credit sessions, offered throughout the year. Elective areas include health and human services, economic and rural develop. As a registered participants in the Pelletier Institute, public safety, county financial management, personnel, labor relations, and many others. As a Pelletier Institute registrant, you can receive instruction to meet your individual needs and interests.

Continuing Education

You can also receive continuing education credit for participating in local training sessions, policy forums and other programs that meet the overall requirements of the Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute.

Benefits of Registration

You will become eligible to achieve the Pelletier Institute Certificate of Achievement awarded to all county officials who complete the Institute's educational requirements. By achieving this award you will be demonstrating your commitment to informed public service and excellence in county government. Once you have completed the 34 credit program, you will be honored during an awards presentation before your peers in county government during one of the 2 major NYSAC conferences held each year.

Pelletier Institute ENROLLMENT FORM



Please complete this enrollment form and return to:

**Dennis A. Pelletier County
Government Institute
C/O NYSAC
540 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12207**

Name _____

Title _____

County _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

Method of Payment:

Enclosed Check Bill Me

Enrollment Fee: \$55.00

Signature _____

For more information on how to participate in the Dennis A. Pelletier County Government Institute Certificate of Achievement program, contact Jacqueline Dederick at the New York State Association of Counties at jdederick@nysac.org or call 518-465-1473.

Dennis A. Pelletier was elected NYSAC's First Vice President in September 2003, after serving four years as a member of the association's Board of Directors. He also served as President of the NYS Association of Chairs of Legislative Boards, a NYSAC affiliate. Dennis Pelletier served as President of the Monroe County Legislature from 1998 through 2003 and had been a member of the legislature for 11 years. In 2003, he was appointed Executive Director of the Monroe County Water Authority, the position he held at the time of his death. During his career in county government, Dennis developed a strong reputation for his hard work to become fully informed on the issues. As President of the Legislature, he encouraged active debate concerning the impact decisions made by elected leaders would have on the lives of the citizens they represent. Even after the most contentious debates, Dennis was renowned for visiting the legislators he might have disagreed with to make sure that the tone of the political discussion was never personal and to attempt to achieve consensus on the important work ahead.

Required Courses

Core Courses (20 credits)

1. Principles of County Budget & Finance
2. Foundations of County Government
3. Public Sector Labor Management Relationships
4. Ethics
5. Building Consensus in a Political Environment

Elective Courses (10 Credits)

Continuing Education (4 Credits)