

## Center for State and Local Finance Launches Second Year with New Executive Education Courses for Public Finance Leaders

The [Center for State and Local Finance](#) (CSLF) is launching the second year of its executive education program with a series of six courses tailored for chief financial officers and those who aspire to be chief financial officers.

Participants may take individual courses, or complete all six to receive CSLF's [Certificate in Public Financial Management](#). The three- and four-day classes will focus on the strategic thinking and analytic skills that public finance leaders need to move into the C-Suite.

CSLF developed its program after extensive feedback from chief financial officers from around the state who emphasized the need for in-depth, high-quality training for those pursuing senior management positions in government.

Course topics include leadership, operating and capital budgeting, debt management, treasury and investment management, governmental accounting, risk management, management of pensions and long-term liabilities and procurement.

Five of the six courses are grounded in the content knowledge needed to become a Certified Public Finance Officer through the Government Finance Officers Association. However, classes go beyond basic information and emphasize the analytic and strategic use of this knowledge.

CSLF draws on world-class faculty from the [Andrew Young School of Policy Studies](#), which is among one of the top-ranked programs in the country in public finance and budgeting. Leading experts from the public and private sector also are invited to teach and guest lecture.

When students leave CSLF's classes they should have the foundation to assume leadership roles and tackle real-world problems in their own agency, department, or municipality.

Registration for the 2015-2016 session will open in April, and the first class will begin in July. Space is limited, so early registration is advised. For more information and to register, visit CSLF's website at [cslf.gsu.edu/training](http://cslf.gsu.edu/training) or contact the center at [cslf@gsu.edu](mailto:cslf@gsu.edu) or 404-413-0327.

### Key dates:

- April 9: Registration closes for CSLF's spring course, [Financial Management – Accounting, Risk, Procurement, Long-Term Liabilities](#).
- Late April: Registration opens for the 2015-2016 executive education program. Check our [website](#) for updates in April.
- July 14-17: CSLF hosts a four-day course on operating and capital budgeting.