



The North Carolina Center for Women in Public Service

About Us

The NC Center for Women in Public Service builds the involvement of women at all levels of governance in North Carolina by:

- **Preparing** women to seek and serve in elected and appointed office
- **Advocating** for systems and structures that facilitate women's involvement
- **Promoting** the value of women's participation in governance.

Our Programs

Through our comprehensive non-partisan training programs, Women on Board workshops and the Women in Office Institute, NCCWPS prepares women to enter the political pipeline. We help women build their confidence and develop the practical skills to run successful campaigns and serve as powerful and effective leaders.

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Why We Are Here

Women make up **54%** of registered North Carolina voters but...

Only **22%** of NC officeholders are women

41% of counties and 40% of all city or town councils have **no women** serving on them

Only **15%** of candidates in 2008 and 2010 were women

The under-representation of women in public office in North Carolina means that the majority of public policy decisions are made without the participation of more than half of the population.

Women on Board Workshops

Appointed leaders play key roles in state and local government.

Women from all backgrounds already have the skills necessary to pursue these public service opportunities.

Our interactive 1-day workshops equip women with the tools to identify and pursue appointments, and are held in the winter, spring and fall all over the state.

Women on Board participants

- Get an introduction to how boards and commissions are structured
- Understand the difference women make in public policy
- Identify their public service interest
- Explore strategies for securing positions
- Develop research skills to identify opportunities
- Make a plan to reach their public service goal.

More than **140 women** from **15 counties** have participated in a workshop since 2009.

Prior Women on Board partners include the NC Bar Association, the National Congress of Black Women, the Emerging Latina Leadership Advocates (ELLA), and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Summit.

Women in Office Institute

Our intensive, non-partisan political campaigning and training program prepares women to seek and serve in elected and appointed office.

The Women in Office Institute is a 7-day residential program held over two extended weekends at Peace College in Raleigh.

The program is selective, and our graduates diverse. Participants come from many different regions of North Carolina, political parties, and professional backgrounds.

The Women in Office Institute curriculum prepares women for the rigors of campaigning.

Participants will learn how to

- Identify and apply their leadership attributes
- Explore pathways to public service
- Speak in public
- Hone their message for tv, print and social media
- Effectively Fundraise
- Lead ethically
- Use research to plan campaign strategy

The Institute has graduated **103 women since 2004.**

Of our Institute graduates:

46% have run for an elected position

63% are seriously considering running within the next 5 years

71% have sought an appointed position on a board or commission

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