The Fordham Center for Nonprofit Leaders:

Integrating management excellence and social justice to create leaders and organizations that change society
The Center for Nonprofit Leaders is uniquely sponsored by Fordham’s Graduate Schools of Social Service and Business Administration, both ranked nationally. The dedicated faculty at Fordham University’s Center for Nonprofit Leaders focuses on critical thinking, program management, effective communication and a commitment to realizing social change to address small and large societal challenges. The emphasis is on social justice — the foundation of a just society. Bringing greater opportunity to people is at the heart of social justice.

The curriculum offers training and support designed to create nonprofit leaders with the highest level of skills to manage organizations and achieve the greatest social justice impact. It is the type of learning that transcends the classroom, and relates to society’s needs. It is also highly valued by boards of trustees of nonprofits. After course completion and with ongoing support from the Fordham Center, participants and their nonprofit organizations — in human services, health, education, culture, the arts — are able to direct programs, both new and existing, that would further advance the missions of nonprofit institutions.

Fordham’s programs were developed to help future nonprofit leaders build responses that address problems on an individual, institutional, community, national and/or international level. The programs will help students develop changes that reflect values of inclusion, fairness, diversity and opportunity, while meeting all management challenges.

Empowering students to achieve a leadership position within a global society.

The Fordham Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership:
Integrating management excellence and social justice to create tomorrow’s leaders.

An advanced degree taught over 12 consecutive months that gives students the knowledge and skills to lead nonprofits that deliver the most efficient services and create the greatest social impact. Faculty come from the two Fordham Graduate Schools. Courses include: strategic planning, organizational finance, staff management, technology, public advocacy, board development, fundraising, public relations, communications, research, international nonprofits, program development, legal requirements, grant writing, ethics, social entrepreneurship and career development. Courses are taught one evening a week over 12 weeks plus three weekend immersions. Classes are given at the Lincoln Center campus.

Executive Education Certificate Program:
An overview course to help advance in the nonprofit world.

Three consecutive Saturday classes are offered at both the Lincoln Center and Westchester campuses. This certificate program — jointly issued by the two Fordham Graduate Schools — provides an in-depth understanding of the business and social change skills needed to advance in the nonprofit field. It is considered an overview for present and future nonprofit leaders to help them gain the latest skills and knowledge. Courses covered include strategic planning, staff management, budgeting, fundraising, grant writing, public advocacy, public relations, board development and personal communications. Graduates have reported increases in expertise that have helped them advance their careers.
Additional benefits of the Fordham Center for Nonprofit Leaders make it a unique learning environment.

**Personal Mentor:**
To help guide our students to play a significant role in shaping the next generation of nonprofit leaders, the Fordham Center offers all participants, in both programs, a mentor who is, or recently was, a CEO of a nonprofit organization. In addition, the faculty remains “on call” to discuss and advise on issues that arise and challenge graduates.

**Free Seminars and Lectures:**
Speakers cover the most current knowledge and skills required for nonprofit leaders. Subjects have included new business techniques, starting a health nonprofit, media relations, volunteerism, federal policies on charitable donations, and more. Lecturers are from both Fordham faculty as well as outside speakers.

**Evaluation:**
The Center is available to evaluate nonprofit agency programs to determine their impact and efficiency, and to assist in the measurement of the effects that the programs have had within the organization.

**Networking Groups:**
Networking among the graduates of both the Master of Science in Nonprofit Leadership and The Executive Education Certificate programs are encouraged and supported by the Fordham Center.

**Film Series:**
Films are selected that provide an understanding of the work of nonprofits and the leaders who run them. Both dramatic and documentary features are included.