

Rockwall University

What is Rockwall University?

Rockwall University is a 12 course program (8 core courses and 4 electives) that is designed to let city employees learn more about the different departments within the city. Each course will have between 3-5 class meetings and will each have a value of 3 credit hours to equal a total of 36 credit hours.

Who can participate?

Employees of the City of Rockwall who have successfully completed their period of probationary employment as well as employees from the Rockwall Independent School District may apply to be admitted into Rockwall University.

Why participate?

If you choose to participate in the program you will learn more about your city's government and how the different departments interact with one another. You will then be able to become more productive by putting that knowledge to use. Also, completion of the program may be a factor in advancement within your organization.

What is the cost?

There is no cost to you. In fact, the classes will be held during the day and would be considered part of your regular pay schedule. Therefore, you are getting paid to learn. If class times fall outside of your regular work schedule you will be compensated. Overtime issues will be worked out with your supervisor.

Outline of calendar

It is set up similar to a university or college setting with two semesters per year each having three 5-week sessions. In between each 5-week session there will be a 2-week break. In between each semester there will be a 7-week break.

When and where will the courses be held?

Each class that is offered will meet one day a week between 1:30 and 3:30 in the City Council Chamber.

What is the selection process?

Once an application is completed and turned in to the administration office, 20 people will be selected to start the program. We will be looking for applicants from all departments and choose them according to their interest in the program.

What will be my commitment?

You will be expected to put the time and energy into this informative, interesting and intense program. This will include attending all scheduled class meetings. In the event of an absence a make up session for the class will be offered at the convenience and discretion of the instructor.

How do I apply to Rockwall University?

Applications will be made available in each department. They will need to be turned in to the administration office at City Hall at least 3 weeks before the start of the 5-week session you wish to take. Once accepted into the program you will need to fill out a registration form, also available in each department, and turn it in at least 1 week prior to the beginning of the session.