



Area Courses

Frequently Asked Questions by Members

Where does Unifor offer education?

The Unifor Education Department offers area courses in various locations across the country. These courses give our members the opportunity to meet others from Unifor workplace in and around their local community. We also offer courses at our Education Centre in Port Elgin.

What courses are offered in the areas?

Over 20 courses are offered in areas across the country. Courses range from Grievance Handling and Collective Bargaining to Building Activism. They include both one-day to three-day courses. A schedule of area courses will be published twice a year. Course descriptions can be found on our website at www.unifor.org/education-en.

How do I find out what courses are available?

You can find out about courses through your Local and through our website at: www.unifor.org/education-en.

How do I sign up for courses?

Contact your Local to register. Your Local will then send a list of members it wishes to register to the Unifor Education Department.

Will the course cost me any money? Will I be paid for lost time?

There are no registration fees for any of our area courses. One day courses are mostly run outside of working time with an expectation that members will attend on their own time. Lunch is provided on site. A strong union is built through rank-and-file activism. A contribution of your time and interest will ensure we are an effective union.

The three-day courses are generally run during working time or a combination (two days on working time, the third on a non-work day). For these courses, your lost time is covered by the Local and the National. Your lunch is provided on site at no cost to you. Travel and accommodations may be covered following a set of guidelines. Some pre-approval is necessary. Check with your Local.

Are there longer courses?

Unifor runs longer courses at its Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario. For more information on those courses and how to attend, see our website at www.unifor.org-education-en.

We look forward to seeing you at our area courses! If you need any other information, please contact your Local or Bonnie Morgan in the Unifor Education Department at areacourses@unifor.org or 1-800-268-5763, extension 8489.



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Frequently Asked Questions by Locals

Where does Unifor offer education courses?

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What courses are offered in the areas?

Over 20 courses are offered in areas across the country. Courses range from Grievance Handling and Collective Bargaining to Building Activism, and range from one-day to three-days. A schedule of area courses is sent to locals twice a year. Course descriptions can be found on our website at www.unifor.org/education-en.

How do I find out what courses are available?

Information on courses, including schedules, is sent to Locals twice a year by e-mail and will be posted on our website. Locals wishing to receive area schedules by regular mail instead of e-mail should contact Bonnie Morgan in the Unifor Education Department at areacourses@unifor.org or 1-800-268-5763 ext. 8489.

How do members sign up for courses?

All participants must register for courses through their Local. Locals forward registration forms to Bonnie Morgan in the Unifor Education Department at areacourses@unifor.org or by fax 416-495-6554. A sample sign-up sheet is attached.

How are courses funded?

There are different funding models for one-day and three-day courses.

One-Day courses - One-day courses are most often convened during non-work times. The National Union pays for the meeting room, the materials and Discussion Leader. The National Union also provides lunch. No lost time is paid to the participant unless this has been previously arranged by the Local. A strong union is built through rank and file activism. It is hoped that members will contribute their time and interest in attending these courses. There is no registration fee. Locals receive a registration form that needs to be filled out and returned to the Education Department by the deadline.

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Three-Day courses - The National Union will provide the meeting room, the materials and the Discussion Leader. The National and Local Union(s) will split of the cost of the lost time, travel and per diem within a set of guidelines that will be provided to the Local. Accommodations that have been pre-authorized through the Education Department will also be split 50/50 with the Local. There is no registration fee. Locals will receive a registration form to fill out with the list of attendees. This will be returned to Bonnie Morgan in the Unifor Education Department at areacourses@unifor.org or 416-495-6554 by the stated deadline.

Can Locals also request courses outside of the regular schedule?

Yes, Locals who can guarantee at least 15 members can request any of the one- or three-day courses. Please note that during this transition time in the new union, we prefer that Locals send participants to the existing courses that area scheduled in their area. This will allow us to offer the greatest number of courses and will allow our members from different former unions to get to know each other.

We look forward to seeing your members in the area schools! If you need any other information, please contact us at areacourses@unifor.org.