

Application Process and Deadlines

- Please complete the application form (page 2 and 3) and return to I2S2_Communications@cchmc.org
- Submit a letter of recommendation from your sponsor (senior leader from your division that is nominating/supporting your I²S² application)
- Your direct supervisor must approve/demonstrate support of your application via email or by letter enclosed with your application
- **The application (including letter of recommendation and supervisor approval) deadline is August 15, 2025**
- **Participants will be notified of their acceptance by September 19, 2025**

Pre-Requisites

- Elementary Microsoft Excel skills
- Influence to lead change in the unit/division where conducting a quality improvement project
- Senior leader/sponsorship support to lead an improvement project
- Access to manual or electronic daily or weekly data of key measures as well as relevant to demographic-population data to segment or include for tracking population variances.

Expectations of Participants

- Report on an improvement project and completed assigned readings of textbooks and posted articles related to systems improvement. Project status presentations are due the week prior to each session.
- Collaborative learning and active participation in the program in the spirit of "All Teach, All Learn."
- **Full attendance in all events over the course of the program.** Applicants who have known schedule conflicts should apply to a subsequent class.

Participants will be selected on the basis of their individual leadership skills and organizational needs. The candidate must propose a strategically aligned project within their division or area. Participants are generally director-level or above or functioning within another QI leadership role.

Contact Information

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I²S² Class 43 Dates

January - June 2026

Orientation Webinar	January 6, 2026	12:30 to 4PM EST
Webinar 1	January 20, 2026	1:30 to 4pm EST
Session 1	February 10, 11, 12, 2026	
Webinar 2	March 3, 2026	1:30 to 4pm EST
Session 2	March 24, 25, 26, 2026	
Webinar 3	April 14, 2026	1:30 to 4pm EST
Session 3	May 5, 6, 7, 2026	
Webinar 4	June 2, 2026	1:30 to 4pm EST
Session 4	June 10, 11, 2026	

Sessions will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Webinars will be held virtually.

Course Fees:

- **Tuition is \$9,990**
- Invoices will be processed once accepted

This fee includes:

- Four on-site sessions and four webinars
- Support from a quality improvement coach throughout the course
- All program materials, tools, & textbooks (including *The Improvement Guide*, *Team Handbook*, *Understanding Variation* and *Memory Jogger*)
- Excel-based chart templates

The goal is the successful completion of the course within the scheduled time frame. Circumstances may arise requiring students to defer mid-course. This should be discussed with the course director. Students who choose to withdraw will be refunded in accordance with the following class tuition refund schedule:

- **Class tuition is expected to be paid in full by Webinar 1**
- **Withdrawal prior to Webinar 1 - 50% refund**
- **Withdrawal after Webinar 1 - No refund**

As an attendee, I authorize the Leadership Academy to use the following personal information: (1) my picture; including photographic, motion picture, and electronic (video) images. (2) my voice; including sound and video recordings.

Note: If you are not comfortable authorizing use of the above, please do not pose for group photos & contact I2S2_Communications@cchmc.org as soon as possible.

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Name:

Preferred Name & Credentials:

Phonetic Spelling of Name (ex: rah-OOL for Raul):

Organization:

Title:

E-mail:

Sponsor Name:

Organization Business Contact Name and Email:

Billing Address for Invoicing:

Cincinnati Children's Budget String:

How did you hear about I²S²?

Documents to be submitted to I2S2_Communications@cchmc.org:

- Letter of recommendation from sponsor
- Acknowledgement from organization's business contact with confirmation of appropriate invoicing address

Intermediate Improvement

Science Series (I²S²)

1. Describe your current and past experience in quality improvement.
2. Describe your experience with Excel, data analysis, biostatistics, clinical epidemiology or similar quantitative methods.
3. This course is intended to develop quality improvement leaders. How do you anticipate applying your learnings from the course?
4. What are you trying to accomplish? Describe your potential project problem, goals, key measure(s), and what has been done in the past to address the problem.