



Welcome to the 2026 New England Municipal Clerks' Institute & Academy!

July 11–17, 2026 • Bryant University • Smithfield, Rhode Island

Dear Students,

On behalf of the New England Municipal Clerk's Institute & Academy (NEMCI&A) Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this year's Institute and Academy programs. We are thrilled to host you on the beautiful campus of Bryant University from July 11–17, 2026, for a week dedicated to learning, growth, and connection.

Institute Students

Are YOU ready to come, learn, and grow with us?

From the moment you walk through the doors, your experience at NEMCI&A will challenge and inspire you. If you are a new clerk or have never attended, we encourage you to embark on the three-year Institute Program—an invaluable foundation for your municipal career.

Throughout the week, you will:

- Build confidence in public speaking
- Understand the fundamentals of municipal government
- Strengthen interpersonal and team-building skills
- Learn the importance of networking and collaboration
- Develop friendships that last a lifetime

Your Institute journey is a powerful opportunity to stretch, learn, and elevate your professional path.

Academy Students

Are YOU ready to level up your leadership skills?

Our Academy programming is designed for clerks seeking advanced professional development led by our outstanding faculty.

Academy sessions will help you:

- Deepen your leadership abilities
- Master parliamentary procedure
- Strengthen crisis-management and communication skills
- Explore data manipulation and AI-driven tools

- Build a personal plan of action to support your community
- Discover your “Moe Joe” and ignite your motivation

Like the Institute, the Academy fosters teamwork, networking, and lasting friendships.

Our Prestigious Faculty

Our exceptional faculty is at the heart of what makes NEMCI&A truly special. Their expertise and dedication ensure an unparalleled learning experience. We are honored to welcome extraordinary instructors including:

Tina Barton, Tracy Borst, Dawn Michanowicz, James Ognibene, Lisa Pagano, Joseph Powers, Christopher Pudlinski, Rob Rock, Danielle Sicard, Phil Warren, and more!

Preparing for Your Week

Your class advisor will email you the 2026 NEMCI&A Handbook along with this welcome letter. Please read the handbook—read it twice! —as it contains essential information to help you navigate your week from arrival to departure.

Reminder: Please bring your completed medical form in a sealed envelope to registration.

A Week of Growth, Challenge & Connection

Every accomplishment begins with the decision to try. But true courage begins with showing up and allowing yourself to be seen.

Throughout your time with us, we invite you to embrace opportunities that will challenge you to step outside your comfort zone:

- Turn strangers into friends
- Trust in yourself and your peers
- Explore your strengths and uncover new areas for growth

We hope you embrace the full NEMCI&A experience—an unforgettable week that becomes part of your story. While we cherish the memories of past years, we look forward to creating new ones with you: our students, faculty, and NEMCI&A Board.

We can't wait to welcome you to Smithfield, Rhode Island!

With appreciation,

Sarah Rapose, MMC
NEMCI&A Chair/Director