



National Committee  
for Accreditation of  
Coaching Education



MEDIA RELEASE – MAY 10, 2017

---

## **The Institute for Rowing Leadership at Community Rowing, Inc. Accredited**

*One of only five Level 5 accredited programs nationwide*

**Brighton, MA** — The United States Center for Coaching Excellence (USCCE) announces that the Institute for Rowing Leadership (IRL) has gained the USCCE’s National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) accreditation for their coaching education program. The IRL joins only 24 other NCACE accredited programs in the United States and is one of only five institutions nationally to receive Level 5 accreditation.

With an accreditation through 2024, the Institute for Rowing Leadership is the only accredited coaching education program for rowing available in the United States. By receiving Level 5 accreditation, the IRL has establishing itself as the leader in the United States in the preparation of rowing coaches at all levels from participant to performance coaching.

Through this accreditation process, NCACE ensures that the Advanced Certificate in Rowing Leadership program adheres to the characteristics of excellence as prescribed by SHAPE America’s *National Standards for Sport Coaches*. These standards feature eight domains of coaching responsibilities and within them, 40 standards and subsequent benchmarks representing the body of knowledge associated with each coaching responsibility and provide concrete examples of actions and orientations that constitute coaching competence.

Through this Level 5 accreditation, NCACE assures that coaching education programs offered at the IRL equip coaches with the skill set necessary to develop successful athletes at all levels of the sport.

### **About the United States Center for Coaching Excellence and the National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education**

The United States Center for Coaching Excellence is the premier authority on coaching education in the United States, providing coaching education programming support and accreditation of program through NCACE. NCACE offers accreditation and national recognition to sport organizations and institutions responsible for the preparation of coaches at any and all levels of sport. The rigorous review process ensures alignment with SHAPE America’s *National Standards for Sport Coaches*, and that coaches are trained to effectively meet the unique

developmental needs of every athlete. Through forward-thinking leadership and our team of expert reviewers, the USCCE is uniquely positioned to provide the highest quality, empirically-based guidance for the creation, implementation and evaluation of coaching education programs.

For more information, visit NCACE <http://www.qualitycoachingeducation.org> or the USCCE <http://www.uscoachexcellence.org/>

### **About the Institute for Rowing Leadership (IRL@CRI)**

The Institute for Rowing Leadership, based in Brighton, MA, at Community Rowing Inc., is a one of a kind opportunity for leaders in rowing to study and share knowledge. As the only sport specific graduate level education program in the USA, the IRL provides an intensive yearlong post-graduate fellowship program for selected applicants seeking the Advanced Certificate in Rowing Leadership. The IRL fellowship program has a curriculum based on both academic and experiential learning methodologies with fellows spending 16-20 hours a week in the classroom learning from Boston-area professors, coaches and professionals, and 16-20 hours a week on-the-water coaching and implementing lessons learned in the classroom. The IRL identifies and develops future leaders for the sport equipping fellows with leadership and management training as well as the highest level of technical knowledge about the sport of rowing. In addition, the IRL provides additional community wide learning opportunities for continued professional development through monthly Coaching Education Series events highlighted by the annual 'What Works' Summit held each February.

Additional information may be found at [www.IRLatCRI.org](http://www.IRLatCRI.org) | Twitter: [@IRLatCRI](https://twitter.com/IRLatCRI) |

For more information, please contact:

Matt Lehrer, CRI Director of Coaching Education, 617.634.9527,  
[matt.lehrer@communityrowing.org](mailto:matt.lehrer@communityrowing.org)

or

Dr. Lori Gano-Overway, USCCE Accreditation Chair, [info@uscoachexcellence.org](mailto:info@uscoachexcellence.org)  
###