Nonprofit Board Essentials Course Outline

Course Overview
- Video: Welcome to Nonprofit Board Essentials
- Navigating the Course

Module 1: Understanding Nonprofits
- Module 1 Overview
- Reading: What is a Nonprofit?
- The Board Structure
- Common Nonprofit Terms
- Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code
- Video: The Way We Think About Charity is Dead Wrong
- Reading: Why Nonprofit Values are So Awesome

Module 2: Understanding Board Responsibilities
- Module 2 Overview
- Your Duties as a Board Member
- Board Member Basics
- What Every Board Member Should Know: State of Tennessee
- Did You Know? Little-Known Legal Compliance Issues
- Characteristics of Great Board Members
- The Board’s Role/The CEO’s role
- Conflicts of Interest
- Standards for Excellence: Conflicts of Interest Resource Packet
- Audio: Confessions of a Terrible Board Member
- Helpful Links

Module 3: Board Leadership
- Module 3 Overview
- Board Officer Responsibilities
- Inside the Mind of the Board Chair
- Characteristics of Great Board Officers
- Video: Inside the Board Chair/CEO Relationship Part 1
- Video: Inside the Board Chair/CEO Relationship Part 2
- Tips from an Expert
- Effective Board Meetings
- A Study of the Board/CEO Relationship
- Standards for Excellence: Board Chair/CEO Relationship Resource Packet
- Standards for Excellence: Board and Executive Partnerships Resource Packet
- Standards for Excellence: Board Member Composition Resource Packet
- Helpful Links