# Al Engineering Bootcamp

26 Week Program





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# Introduction

In Canada, Machine Learning Engineers (MLE) will earn around



In the U.S., the average base pay for ML Engineers is around





Placement rate of WeCloudData alumni





# Why WeCloudData

WeCloudData is the only bootcamp and accredited career college that focuses on the data field. We offer five distinctive programs - Data Science, Business Intelligence, Data Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, and Cloud Computing to prepare you for your dream career. The programs are instructor-led and project-based. You will learn advanced data techniques at a fraction of the cost from other institutes.

- Relevant to industry: Our programs cover the most up-todate skills that are required by employers across the world.
  In addition to offering personal training, we also work with a wide range of well-known data-driven companies in North America to help them up-skill their employees for cutting-edge technologies. That being said, we know what qualifications employers are looking for in future candidates.
- Focus on practice: Our course design committee is comprised of data scientists from a range of organizations such as BMO, RBC, Dessa, Google, and Amazon which ensure real-world projects are built into each course curriculum. Our programs are rigorous and students will be expected to complete the assignments and projects to meet the course completion requirements.
- Service is our success: We understand the challenges of career transformation, and we're committed to helping each and every student gain the knowledge, skills, and experience that will help them launch a successful career. You can communicate with the instructors and TA's regularly through our online platform and communication app. We are here to ensure your positive outcome and many accomplishments from our programs.



# Who This Program Is For



Data scientists, data engineers, software engineers, and AI researchers who are interested in ML model deployment in production.

Suitable for anyone who has prior experience with machine learning, data science, and has solid programming skills.





New grads from computer science (CS) or software engineering (SE) background.

# **Program Introduction**

According to deeplearning.ai, only 22% of companies using machine learning have successfully deployed a model. The need for ML Engineers is growing exponentially as the industry moves towards Data-centric AI. ML Engineering (MLOps) is at the intersection of Machine Learning, DevOps, and Data Engineering. It is a critical role that makes sure the AI products get deployed in production in a scalable and reliable way.

In this advanced program, you will learn deep learning techniques, use cases in computer vision and NLP, and the engineering and operations side which allow you to master the entire lifecycle of ML projects from data preparation to model deployment and monitoring.



# **Program Details**

## Length

26 weeks

### **Schedule**

Thur 6:30PM - 9:30PM Sun 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Lab: Sun 1:00PM - :00PM TA Office Hours: Evenings

### **Price**

\$9,100 CAD (Part-time) \$13,000 CAD (Full-time with Real Client project)

## **Course Structure**

#### **Overview of program**



## **General Structure**

## Semester 1

- Machine Learning Foundations
- Deep Learning Foundations
- Project #1
- DL: Computer Vision
- DL: Natural Language Processing
- Project #2

## Semester 2:

- Linux, Docker, and Github
- Intro to Cloud Computing (GCP)
- Infrastructure as Code (Terraform)
- Building Prediction Services
- Model Packaging & Deployment
- Model Versioning, Packing & Tracking with MLflow
- Model Monitoring
- Data Versioning Control
- CI/CD
- Project #3

# **Syllabus**

## **Machine Learning Foundations**

Content	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Review of Basic Concepts + Data Processing	
Parameter and Hyperparameter Optimization	
Supervised Learning	
Unsupervised Learning	Ensemble learning clustering

# **Deep Learning Foundations**

Content	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Introduction to Neural Networks	<ul> <li>Neural Network as a flexible system of learning</li> <li>History of machine learning starting from perceptrons</li> <li>What is deep learning?</li> </ul>
Forward and Backward Propagations	<ul> <li>Mathematics of Forward and Backward propagations</li> <li>Forward and Backward propagation in PyTorch</li> </ul>
Hyperparameter Optimization in Deep Learning	<ul> <li>Important hyperparameters in Neural Network modeling</li> <li>Intuition behind each hyperparameter</li> <li>Playing with nnet hyperparameters in PyTorch</li> </ul>
Intro to PyTorch	<ul> <li>Neural Network architecture specification and initialization, Forward and Backward propagation in PyTorch</li> <li>Review of PyTorch tutorials</li> </ul>
Convolutional Neural Networks	<ul> <li>Theoretical aspects of Convolutional Neural Networks</li> <li>CNN for image classification</li> <li>CNN for image segmentation</li> <li>Introduction to transfer learning</li> </ul>
Recurrent Neural Networks	<ul> <li>Introduction to Recurrent Neural Networks</li> <li>Application of RNN in NLP, speech recognition, etc. widely used units in RNN such as GML and LSTM</li> </ul>
Transformers and Attention Mechanism	<ul> <li>Introduction to attention</li> <li>Multi-head attention in NLP</li> <li>Transformers</li> </ul>

# Deep Learning -- Computer Vision

Content	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Literature Review/Discussion on the Latest Papers	<ul> <li>How to search for relevant literature</li> <li>How to evaluate sources and find relevant concepts</li> <li>Identify themes, debates and gaps</li> <li>Different areas of ML and how to get started</li> </ul>
CNN Architectures + Visualizing and Understanding CNN models	CNN architectures; Modern Convolutional Neural Networks; Visualizing CNN
Object Detection	<ul> <li>Detecting a single/multiple object</li> <li>Bounding Box Predictions</li> <li>Sliding Windows</li> <li>Anchor Boxes</li> <li>YOLO Algorithm for Object Detection</li> </ul>
Semantic Segmentation	<ul> <li>What is semantic segmentation?</li> <li>Semantic Segmentation before and after Deep Learning</li> <li>Constitutional Neural Network for Segmentation such as UNet</li> </ul>
Ingesting Data, Dealing with Data, Image Processing	<ul> <li>Introduction to Image Pre-processing</li> <li>Image Processing using OpenCV</li> </ul>
Image Augmentation & Fine-Tuning	<ul> <li>Common image augmentation methods and strategies; transfer learning via fine-tuning</li> </ul>
Industry Use Cases	CV in industry applications

# Deep Learning -- NLP

Content	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Introduction to NLP (Fundamentals + RNN; How can we solve problems with NLP?)	
Traditional and DNN-based Methods Overview (topic modelling, n-grams, etc.)	<ul><li>Sklearn: Traditional algorithms</li><li>Gensim: LDA</li></ul>
[Basic Models] Word Vectors: Word2Vec (Skip-gram), Glove	Gensim: word2vec (skip-gram, CBOW Glove)
[Basic Models] BERT - Modelling, Tips and Applications, Attention Mechanisms, HuggingFace	<ul><li>HuggingFace: BERT</li><li>Fairseq: RoBERT</li></ul>
Generative Models - GPT	
Embedding Use Cases (search engines, recommendations, ranking)	<ul> <li>ElasticSearch - Search Engines</li> <li>DPR - Ranking</li> <li>SentenceTransformers - Recommendations/Ranking</li> </ul>
Classification Use Cases #1 (e.g. token, sentence, text) + Introduction of Datasets	HuggingFace

Lecture	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Classification Use Cases #2	HuggingFace
Seq2seq Models for Machine Translation	HuggingFace
Differentiating Between Models	HuggingFace: BERT, RoBERT, alberta, T5, DistilBERT

## **MLOps**

Lecture	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Linux, Docker, and Github	<ul> <li>Linux</li> <li>Github</li> <li>yaml files</li> <li>Containers</li> <li>Docker</li> </ul>
Intro to Cloud Computing (GCP)	<ul> <li>Intro to GCP managed services specifically tailored for data and ML</li> <li>Tools: Vertex AI</li> </ul>
Infrastructure as Code (IaC with Terraform)	<ul> <li>Intro to Terraform scripts</li> <li>Standing up and tearing down infrastructure</li> <li>Tools: Terraform</li> </ul>
Building Prediction Services #1	<ul> <li>Building ML models</li> <li>Offline and online prediction</li> <li>Serving</li> <li>Tools: Python</li> </ul>
Building Prediction Services #2	<ul> <li>Building and deploying models</li> <li>REST endpoints</li> <li>Tools: Python, FASTAPI/gunicorn</li> </ul>
Model Packaging & Deployment	<ul> <li>Yaml files</li> <li>Containers</li> <li>Docker, Docker images</li> <li>Intro to Kubernetes</li> <li>Docker run command</li> <li>Tools: Docker, kubectl</li> </ul>
Model Versioning, Packaging & Tracking with MLflow	<ul> <li>ML models, versions, project structure, MLflow</li> <li>Tools: MLflow, Python</li> </ul>
Kubernetes	<ul> <li>Intro to Kubernetes</li> <li>Kubernetes basics, running docker images on Kubernetes</li> <li>Container orchestration</li> <li>Tools: Kubernetes, kubectl</li> </ul>

Lecture	What Will Be Covered & Tools Used
Kubeflow	Kubeflow pipelines
	Pipeline components
	DAG, experiments
	Output artifacts and ML metadata
	Tools: Kubeflow
Seldon for Deployment	Seldon concepts
	Intro to Seldon Core
	Seldon ML inference servers
	Intro to Seldon Deploy and Alibi
	Tools: Seldon, kubectl
ML Feature Store	Intro to Feature Store and Concepts
	Materializing features on feature store
	Use for online and offline serving of models
	Tools: Feast,/Vertex AI feature store
ML Pipelines with TFX and Apache Airflow	Intro to TFX for Model Pipelines
	Comparison with Kubeflow
	Orchestration using Airflow
	Tools: Python, TFX, Airflow/GCP Cloud Composer
Model Monitoring	Model Monitoring basics
Ū.	<ul> <li>Intro to Model Monitoring MLflow, and other tools like</li> </ul>
	Neptune, Sagemaker, Weights and Biases etc.
Data Versioning Control (DVC)	Data Versioning
	Touch on DVC, Pachyderm, etc.
CI/CD 101	CI/CD - Github
CI/CD Jenkins	CI/CD - Jenkins



# Summary

# Less theory-based, more on practical aspect + use cases

- Focus on how to put things into production
- Strong learning support in program

Projects students work on will be modeled based on real-life use cases/projects (<u>https://weclouddata.com/</u> courses/ai-engineering-bootcamp/)

#### Possible project examples:

 Object detection, image processing using DL semantic segmentation, autonomous driving, IoT creating a robot

Career mentorship and support at the end of the program

Option to join our real-client projects





# Instructors



## Farnoosh Khodakarami

Machine Learning Researcher, Cyclica

### Ali Madani

Director of Machine Learning, Cyclica

Ali is the head of machine learning at Cyclica Inc. and leads the team to further improve Cyclica's deep learning technology for predicting interaction between ligands and target proteins. As a computational biologist and machine learning specialist, Ali has worked on a series of scientific articles in high impact scientific journals and international conferences covering such fields as transfer learning, dimensionality reduction and unsupervised clustering. He earned a Ph.D degree from the University of Toronto, and a master of a mathematics degree from the University of Waterloo.

Experienced computer scientist with a demonstrated history of working in the research industry. Skilled in application development with experience in machine learning applications. Strong research professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) focused in Computer Science from the Amirkabir University of Technology - Tehran Polytechnic. Creative, self-motivated and committed to working with a team-player attitude, great problem-solving skills and ability to quickly grasp new concepts.





#### Yi Zhang

Senior AI Applied Research Scientist, ServiceNow ATG

Dr. Yi Zhang is a Computer Scientist specializing in NLP, Machine Learning, and AI, working as a Senior AI Applied Research Scientist at ServiceNow Advanced Technology Group. He has years of academia and industry experience and has architected solutions to convert the latest technology to robust Business Intelligent. Prior to his previous experience as the Head of Engineering at NLPMatics, he also assumed team lead role at Tencent and Research Scientist at Chan Zuckerberg Institute.

## Indrani Gorti

Director of Platform and ML engineering, Loblaw Digital

Indrani Gorti is a polyglot with experience in data engineering, data science, and solving business problems using ML and Al. She has worked in major industries like Finance, Telecommunications, Technology, Retail, and Startups. Her work has involved end-to-end projects from data ingestion, data analysis to the deployment of models in various setups using user transaction and interaction logs.

Indrani is a Director of Platform and ML engineering at Loblaw Digital. She holds a BS and MS in Computer Science.



# **Admission Process**



Book a Counseling Meeting

Our program advisor will have a 1-on-1 meeting with you to see if the program is a good fit for you. There is no application fee. It takes about 30 minutes



Pass the Challenge

There will be a technical test and an interview. Applicants spend up to 2 hours on the challenge.



Reserve the Spot & Sign the Contract

Our admissions officer will work with you directly to help you fill out a contract, pay a \$500 deposit and assist you in applying for any kind of grant and finance options.



#### Start your Pre-bootcamp Learning

Preparing ahead will help you gain more experience and competence. Research shows that preview and preparation account for 73.7% success in academic achievement of university students.

# **Tuition, Grants and Financial Options**

#### FULL-TIME

**\$13,000** 

PART-TIME

**\$9,100** 

As an Ontario registered private career college, you can apply for student line of credit from BMO with lower interest rate.

#### **Scholarship**

WeCloudData is offering student scholarships. Please contact our advisor for more information.

#### Grant

With Ontario Second Career grant you may be eligible for up to \$28,000 for costs including: tuition, books, manuals, transportation, basic living allowance, child care.

#### **Contact Us**

Contact our program advisor, Amir, for more information info@weclouddata.com

