

community education

A photograph of Zelda Rhoden-Williams, a Black woman with long, curly grey hair, smiling. She is wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and a necklace with a large silver circle. She is standing in front of a green metal structure, possibly a building or a fence.

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CLASSES FOR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Greetings District Residents,

I hope you are enjoying the holiday season with family and friends wherever you are in District 505. If you're looking for a new hobby, want to embark on a different career, or just want to kick the winter blues, Community Education at Parkland College is here for you!

- Take your tastebuds on a journey this winter season with one of our culinary classes, from hearty soups to decadent desserts.
- Test out your musical skills on piano or guitar.
- Travel on an excursion across Illinois or across the sea.



From woodcarving and painting to podcasting and digital photography, our classes and programs work around your busy schedule, offering rich possibilities for all stages of life. With career-enhancing workshops, certification programs and more, there are a wide variety of personal and professional development opportunities to choose from right in your own backyard.

As always, our carefully selected instructors are passionate about their areas of expertise and want to help you succeed in anything you do. Level up your leadership skills in the Leading EDGE Certificate Series with Steve Welland or explore a hands-on career path in the Highway Construction Careers Training Program with Zelda Rhoden-Williams.

And with spring break just around the corner, be sure to register your young learners early for College for Kids: Spring Edition—painting, woodworking, cooking, app development, pet care, and more.

Join me in an exciting new year full of personal enrichment opportunities, career advancement, connection, inspiration, and fun! I look forward to seeing you soon.

With gratitude,

Triss Henderson

Director, Community Education



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Building the Careers of Tomorrow

Helping others succeed in the building trades inspired Zelda Rhoden-Williams to teach at Parkland College. Now, she's making an impact in the Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) and other Parkland courses.

"I enjoy witnessing students' excitement at the possibilities and opportunities to make a livable wage through the trades," she says. "My favorite class to facilitate is Communicating Effectively, because it is one of the most necessary skills needed to obtain meaningful careers and build healthy relationships."

Rhoden-Williams began her career as an Ameren meter reader and later served as a meter specialist in Champaign-Urbana and the surrounding communities. She was a proud member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 51.

During this time, she actively volunteered in career discussions, sharing insights and promoting opportunities within the IBEW. She joined the HCCTP team in early 2022 after retiring with 30 years of service at Ameren Illinois.

"I enjoy working with students seeking careers and witnessing the light bulb moments when they find that path that excites them," she says. "I once participated in a 'Spiritual Gifts' series offered by our pastor, and one of my spiritual gifts was teaching. Go figure!"

Rhoden-Williams has grown significantly in her role at Parkland, gaining more confidence in public speaking, among other skills. She began by leading safety training, mentoring students on how to prepare for working in the challenging weather conditions of central Illinois.

She currently leads construction trade and job site tours and supports students with mock interviews and resume development. In 2024, she expanded her training expertise to instruction in Essential Workplace Skills courses, further enriching the student learning experience. Rhoden-Williams teaches these courses for many grant programs at Parkland, including the Support for Workforce Training (SWFT), Climate Equity Jobs Act (CEJA), and HCCTP.

"All of the Essential Workplace Skills courses [at Parkland] connect individuals of any professional background," she says. "The courses are a great reminder and refresher of ideas and solutions for greater self-accountability."

For anyone considering teaching at Parkland, Rhoden-Williams advises: "I would simply say, 'Go for it.' Working with students who are trying to navigate life and future career choices is very rewarding." —Noah Nelson



Student Sees Success in HCCTP

Tyree Breeding pursued Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at Parkland College because he wanted to advance his skillset and find a better career opportunity. It also helped him get inducted in several different Unions and introduced him to many new resources and people, including instructor Zelda Rhoden-Williams.

“I think Zelda was and is still a huge help in my life as I can reach out to her whenever for anything I have concerns with or feel the need for advice,” he says. “It’s clear she has a much deeper purpose in her role as an instructor than a paycheck. I recommend anyone looking for a change or improvement in their current life to reach out to her.”

college for kids

new App Adventure: Create Your Own Mobile Apps, ages 10–13

Ready to bring your coding ideas to life? Design and build your very own Android apps using MIT App Inventor, a fun, kid-friendly visual coding tool. You'll learn the basics of coding, problem-solving, and design while creating apps. Work on exciting projects such as a quiz game, step counter, drawing app, virtual pet, or a "choose your own adventure" story app—apps you can share, showcase, and continue developing at home. By the end, you'll have a working Android app and the skills and confidence to continue exploring the world of technology. No experience needed—just bring your creativity and curiosity!

2/7–2/28 Sat 10 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19499
Location: PC-C246 \$99

Checkmate! Learn to Play Chess, ages 8–12

Get ready to capture your opponent's king or queen in an exciting game of chess, one of the world's most popular strategy games. As a beginner, you'll learn opening principles, basic checkmates, how the pieces move, and how to notate a chess game. Play against friends and watch your confidence and problem-solving skills grow. Each class includes practice time and resources to use outside of class.

All equipment provided.

1/26–3/2 Mon 6–7:30 PM Class ID: 19483
Location: PC-X115 \$89

Beginning Alcohol Ink Art, ages 9–12

Dive into the colorful world of alcohol inks! In this beginner-friendly class, you'll explore how to use vibrant, fast-moving inks to create stunning abstract art on special surfaces. You'll learn basic techniques like blending, layering, and using tools to guide the flow of ink, all while experimenting with color and design. Express yourself, try new ideas, and create one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Bring your imagination and get ready to have fun with this exciting, fluid art form!

All supplies included. Wear clothes that can get messy.

1/17 Sat 9–11 AM Class ID: 19488
Location: C-C186 \$75

Micro:bit Programming for Creative Innovators, ages 8–11

Ready to take your Micro:bit skills to the next level? Join us for an exciting journey where coding meets creativity! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn to build practical and beautiful tech projects including automatic night lights, musical doorbells, infinity mirrors, and simple robots with moving parts. Perfect for both beginners and those with some experience, this program will challenge you to push the boundaries of what you can create with technology. You'll learn valuable coding concepts, engineering principles, and design thinking that will help you succeed in school and beyond. By the end of the course, you'll have designed your own unique digital gadgets to take home and show off to friends and family!

1/20–2/17 Tue 6–7:30 PM Class ID: 19484
Location: PC-C246 \$125

new Word Play: Poetry in Pictures, ages 12–15

What if your drawings could talk? In this class, you'll combine art, words, and poetry to bring your creations to life. Experiment with adjectives, rhythm, and creative language to show feelings and tell stories through your artwork. By the end, you'll have a unique word-and-art masterpiece to share! *All supplies included.*

2/7–2/14 Sat 10 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19573
Location: PC-D105 \$59

SAVE THE DATE
summer 2026

College for Kids: June 15–25 and July 6–16
Camps for teens: multiple starts, June and July



new **Paint & Create: Axolotl Friend, ages 6–8**

Get ready to craft the cutest little creature around! In this hands-on workshop, you'll paint colorful wooden pieces and use kid-safe glue to assemble your very own axolotl. Along the way, pick up basic crafting skills in a supportive, creative environment. At the end of class, you'll take home your finished axolotl that can stand on its own. No experience needed—just bring your imagination and a smile! *All supplies included. Wear clothes that can get messy.*

2/21 Sat 9–10:30 AM Class ID: 19497
Location: PC-X115 \$59

new **Rockin' Art: Paint Your Own Pet Rocks, ages 6–8**

Get ready to turn ordinary rocks into extraordinary works of art! In this colorful class, you'll paint, decorate, and design your very own pet rocks. Add silly faces, bright patterns, or even turn them into animals—it's all up to your imagination. *All supplies included. Wear clothes that can get messy.*

1/24 Sat 9–11 AM Class ID: 19495
Location: PC-C186 \$65

new **Signature Style: Personalized Plaque, ages 8–10**

Design a wood plaque that's all about you! Start by customizing a wood cut-out of your name, then choose decorative elements that match your style. Experiment with paints and stains to create a unique look. When you're done, you'll assemble everything into a polished plaque that's perfect to display in your room—or even give as a special gift. This isn't just another craft—it's an art piece you'll be proud to show off! *All supplies included. Wear clothes that can get messy.*

2/7 Sat 10 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19496
Location: PC-C186 \$85

new **Chef's Challenge: 3-Course Creations, ages 11–15**

Step into the kitchen like a real chef! In this class, you'll craft a full three-course meal—appetizer, main dish, and dessert—while learning tips and tricks for flavor, timing, and presentation. You'll also practice plating skills to make your dishes look as amazing as they taste. Perfect for aspiring young chefs who want to wow family and friends! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and a 3-cup lidded container.*

1/17 Sat 9 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19490
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$85



Cupcake Creations: A Sweet Decorating Adventure, ages 7–10

Do you love cupcakes and want to make them extra special? In this fun class, you'll learn how to tint white icing and use decorating tips to create beautiful designs, including roses! Decorate six cupcakes and take them home to share (or enjoy!) at the end of the session. Perfect for kids who love creativity and sweet treats! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and 3-cup lidded container.*

3/7 Sat 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19486
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$75

new **Pasta Party: Fresh from Scratch, ages 11–15**

Discover the joy of making pasta completely from scratch! Learn how to mix and knead dough, roll it out, and cut it into classic shapes. Then, bring your creations to life with delicious sauces like zesty marinara and creamy alfredo. You'll leave with the skills to impress family and friends with a homemade Italian feast! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and a 3-cup lidded container.*

2/21 Sat 9 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19491
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$75

new **Rise and Shine Breakfast, ages 7–10**

Start the day the delicious way! Young chefs will flip fluffy pancakes and layer colorful fruit parfaits while learning simple kitchen skills. It's a tasty morning adventure packed with fun and flavor—perfect for breakfast lovers! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and a 3-cup lidded container.*

2/28 Sat 9–11 AM Class ID: 19489
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$65



new Street Eats Fiesta, ages 11–15

Bring the flavor of the street to your own kitchen! In this class, you'll make tasty handheld favorites like tacos and other fun snack bites. Learn how to season, sizzle, and serve up bold flavors that are sure to be a hit at home. It's a culinary celebration packed with creativity and flavor! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and a 3-cup lidded container.*

1/24 Sat 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19492
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$65

new Pet Care 101: Keeping Your Dog or Cat Healthy, ages 8–11

Do you love animals? Learn how to keep your dog or cat happy and healthy every day! You'll practice the basics of pet care, from brushing and grooming to feeding, watering, and exercising your furry friend. Discover how to spot fleas and ticks, do a simple body check, and understand when it's time to visit the vet. By the end, you'll feel more confident caring for your pet and making sure they stay well. Perfect for young animal lovers! *All supplies included.*

2/21 Sat 10–11 AM Class ID: 19502
Location: PC-X115 \$45

"I really liked the variety of activities we did in our chess class, including puzzles, games, and twists for games, like teams and variants."

—youth student

new Pet Safety & First Aid Basics, ages 12–14

Do you know what to do if your pet gets hurt? In this class, you'll learn essential first aid skills to help keep your pets safe and healthy. From wrapping injuries and checking vital signs to recognizing bites, stings, and other common issues, you'll gain confidence in caring for your furry friends. The final session covers choking and CPR (pet CPR), so you know how to act quickly in a serious situation. Class includes a first aid kit with supplies such as gauze, tape, puncture structures, and bandages; first aid pocket guidebook; window cling for pets in case of fire; and a comprehensive notebook of 20 sections covering monthly checks, emergency contact information, training class lists, calendar of pet dates, disaster/travel planning, and more. *All supplies included.*

1/17–2/7 Sat 10–11:30 AM Class ID: 19501
Location: PC-X115 \$149

College for Kids: Spring Break

new App Builders: Design & Code Your First App, ages 10–13

Ready to create your very first app? In this interactive class, you'll dive into Android app development using MIT App Inventor—a simple drag-and-drop tool that makes coding easy and fun. Learn the basics of coding and problem-solving while designing and building a complete app from start to finish. By the end, you'll have a real, working app to share—and the skills to keep turning your ideas into reality. No prior experience needed—just bring your creativity!

3/16–3/18 Mon–Wed 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19500
Location: PC-C246 \$99

Cake Decorating Fun, ages 11–15

In this fun and hands-on two-day class, you'll learn the basics of cake decorating using real cakes and professional tools. You'll practice leveling, filling, and frosting your cake, then move on to piping techniques and creative finishing touches. By the end of class, you'll have the skills to turn a blank cake into your very own edible masterpiece—and take it home to share! *Allergy alert. Each student will take home a cake.*

3/17–3/18 Tue & Wed 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19485
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$115

Dare to Draw & More, ages 8–12

Build your sketchbook drawing skills by daring yourself to use various drawing tools and processes to create original characters and stories. Experiment with graphite, pastels, water-color pencils, markers, gel pens and various surfaces. Expand your knowledge by learning some of the techniques that are used to create compelling characters for comics, animation, and video games. Your artwork will leap off the page as you learn about stylization, story development, and character design. *All supplies included.*

3/16–3/18 Mon–Wed 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19487
Location: PC-C188 \$85

new Wild Art: Animals In Action, ages 7–9

Unleash your creativity with animal-inspired art! You'll explore different art techniques while bringing creatures like sharks, lions, hedgehogs, and more to life on paper. From bold brushstrokes to fine details, you'll learn fun ways to make your artwork stand out. Get ready to create your own wild masterpiece! *All supplies included. Wear clothes that can get messy.*

3/18 Wed 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19498
Location: PC-C186 \$69

new Mini Pizza Party, ages 7–10

Get ready to toss, top, and taste! Young chefs will roll out their own mini pizza crusts, pick their favorite toppings, and bake them to bubbly perfection. It's a hands-on cooking adventure that ends with the best part—eating your very own pizza creation! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and a 3-cup lidded container.*

3/18 Wed 1–3 PM Class ID: 19494
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$65

new Sweet Treats, No Oven Needed, ages 7–10

Whip up delicious desserts without turning on the oven! Young chefs will have fun making gooey Rice Krispie bars, dipping fresh fruit in chocolate, and decorating cookie pops. It's a sweet and simple way to get creative in the kitchen—and enjoy some tasty treats, too! *Allergy alert. Long hair should be pulled back. Bring a water bottle and a 3-cup lidded container.*

3/17 Tue 1–3 PM Class ID: 19493
Location: PC-X116 & X118 \$59

new First Aid for Pets, ages 12–14

Do you know what to do if your pet gets hurt? Learn the basics of pet first aid to help keep your dog or cat safe and healthy. You'll practice wrapping injuries, checking your pet from head to tail, and taking baselines for pulse, breathing, weight, and temperature. Recognize common problems like bites, stings, fleas, ticks, and even eye injuries. By the end, you'll feel more confident caring for your furry friend and knowing when it's time to call the vet. Class includes a first aid kit with classroom supplies such as gauze, tape, puncture structures, and bandages; first aid pocket guidebook; window cling for pets in case of fire; and a comprehensive notebook of 20 sections covering monthly checks, emergency contact information, training class lists, calendar of pet dates, disaster/travel planning, and more. *All supplies included.*

3/16–3/17 Mon & Tue 9–11 AM Class ID: 19503
Location: PC-X115 \$125

Check our website at
parkland.edu/CEspringbreak
for more Spring Break classes.

personal development

health & wellness

10 Alzheimer's Warning Signs and New Treatments

This education program will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others and the next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor.

3/30 Mon 6–7 PM Class ID: 19459
Location: CE free

new Couples Chair Massage

In this hands-on class, couples will learn the fundamentals of chair massage, focusing on techniques to relieve stress and tension and promote relaxation. Through step-by-step demonstrations, you'll explore how to use simple yet effective massage strokes on key areas such as the neck, shoulders, and back. This course is perfect for beginners, providing tools to connect with your partner while enhancing overall well-being. *Price per couple. Please bring a towel and/or neck headrest.*

2/15 Sun 1–3 PM Class ID: 19456
Location: CE \$79

2/22 Sun 1–3 PM Class ID: 19457
Location: CE \$79

new First Aid and CPR for Dogs and Cats

Be prepared to help your furry companions in an emergency. This hands-on, 6-hour course covers essential first aid topics including bites and stings, heatstroke and hypothermia, birthing complications, drowning, and how to safely handle injured animals. You'll also learn rescue breathing, how to respond to choking, and CPR (Cardiopulmonary Cerebral Resuscitation). Gain the knowledge and confidence to respond quickly and effectively when your pet needs you most.

2/11–2/25 Wed 6–8 PM Class ID: 19478
Location: CE \$139

new Healing Herbs for Teas, Syrups, and (Honey) Infusions

In this hands-on class, discover the art and science of preparing healing herbs in delicious, everyday forms. Explore the difference between herbal teas, infusions, decoctions, and tinctures, learn how to make your own herbal cough syrup, and sample herbs in different herbal preparations to see what you like. You'll also craft your own honey infusion to take home—perfect for soothing the body, uplifting the spirit, and sweetening your herbal practice. Recipes will be provided so you can recreate these remedies in your own kitchen.

All materials provided.

2/17 Tue 6–8 PM Class ID: 19464
Location: PC-X115 & X118 \$89

The Healing Power of Culinary Herbs

Learn about the healing properties of common kitchen herbs like rosemary, thyme, basil, oregano, mint, and sage and easy ways to use them as food and medicine. Explore how to pick herbs that match your taste preferences and health goals and the different ways to use them in your dishes. You will get to taste various preparations of these herbs, get some recipes, and make a custom herbal marinade or salad dressing to take home. *All materials provided.*

1/27 Tue 6–8 PM Class ID: 19463
Location: PC-X115 & X118 \$89

Beginner Line Dancing I

Learn classic line dances and get some great exercise. You'll have so much fun learning or improving on some of the classic line dance moves that you'll forget you're burning calories, too! Studies show line dancing lessons greatly help with memory, balance, cardiovascular fitness, and vertigo. Plus, it's a ton of fun! Dances include the Cupid Shuffle, Electric Slide, and Watermelon Crawl.

1/26–3/2 Mon 5:30–6:30 PM Class ID: 19437
Location: PC-P105 \$79

Beginner Line Dancing II

Learn classic line dances and get some great exercise. You'll have so much fun learning or improving on some of the classic line dance moves that you'll forget you're burning calories, too! Studies show line dancing lessons greatly help with memory, balance, cardiovascular fitness, and vertigo. Plus, it's a ton of fun! Dances include the Cupid Shuffle, Electric Slide, and Watermelon Crawl. *You'll learn different dances to songs in this level II class. It is still appropriate for beginners, Line Dancing I does not need to be completed first.*

3/23-4/27 Mon 5:30-6:30 PM Class ID: 19438
Location: PC-P105 \$79

Beginner Strength

Get strong and feel great in this fun, beginner-friendly strength class! Using 1-5 pound dumbbells and bodyweight exercises, you'll strengthen major muscle groups, improve muscle tone, and enhance overall function. Upbeat music will keep you energized and motivated as you work at a pace that's right for you. Perfect for those new to strength training or looking to build confidence in a supportive environment, this class will help you boost your energy, increase your strength, and have fun along the way. *Bring a yoga mat.*

3/25-5/13 Wed 5:30-6:30 PM Class ID: 19436
Location: PC-P105 \$89

Core and More

The core muscles (abs, back, and other muscle groups around the midsection) are responsible for posture, balance, and stability. With AFAA-certified instructor Rena Leake, learn and practice exercises that strengthen your middle muscles. *Bring a yoga mat.*

1/21-3/11 Wed 5:30-6:30 PM Class ID: 19435
Location: PC-P105 \$89

new Iranian Dance: Movement, Rhythm, and Culture

Explore the rich and expressive movement language of Iranian dance through graceful hand gestures, fluid footwork, and poetic forms inspired by Persian music and culture. This class blends classical, folkloric, and contemporary styles in a welcoming space for creativity and connection. It is a space to connect with yourself and others, express emotion and spirit through movement, and enjoy the richness of Persian cultural storytelling. No prior dance experience is needed—just a willingness to move, listen, and express.

2/3-3/10 Tue 7-8:30 PM Class ID: 19480
Location: PC-P105 \$99

new Cuban Style Salsa: Rhythm, Footwork, and Flow

This high-energy class introduces the vibrant world of Cuban-style Salsa (Casino). Learn solo and partner-based steps, rhythmic patterns, and dynamic group formations like Rueda de Casino. Each session builds confidence in musicality, leading and following, and playful social interaction. No partner or previous dance experience required—just come ready to move and connect.

3/24-4/28 Tue 7-8:30 PM Class ID: 19442
Location: PC-P105 \$99

Water Aerobics

Experience increased flexibility, strength, and endurance each week. Relieve stressed muscles and joint pain. With water aerobics pro Jo Rodriguez, participate at your own comfort level and enjoy the process.

1/13-3/10 Tue 12-12:45 PM Class ID: 19421
Location: Landing at Legends \$85

1/15-3/12 Thu 12-12:45 PM Class ID: 19423
Location: Landing at Legends \$85

3/24-5/12 Thu 12-12:45 PM Class ID: 19424
Location: Landing at Legends \$85

3/26-5/14 Thu 12-12:45 PM Class ID: 19426
Location: Landing at Legends \$85

Chair Yoga

Become strong, stable, secure, and balanced through LV chair yoga with Robin Goettel. Learn how practicing yoga also provides a sense of calm, better concentration, and increased patience. Become familiar with specific yoga postures and their benefits in a safe environment as Robin shows you how to adapt moves for varying levels of flexibility. Mindful chair yoga can help you move gradually into a state of inner peace through breathing techniques and restorative relaxation poses.

2/27-4/24 Fri 10:30-11:20 AM Class ID: 19434
Location: CE \$89

Yoga Basics

Suitable for everyone, this class will refresh your fundamental yoga skills and help you learn what this proven form of exercise is all about. Certified Instructor Jacinda Dariotis will take you through postures, paying close attention to details to ensure you are maximizing your form and breath awareness. Increase strength, flexibility, balance, and focus. You'll also learn relaxation techniques and stress reducers to apply to daily life. *Bring a yoga mat and two yoga blocks.*

1/20-3/10 Tue 5:30-6:30 PM Class ID: 19439
Location: PC-P105 \$89

Yoga: Beyond the Basics

Take your yoga practice to the next level. This class is for those with some yoga experience who want to deepen their practice. Build on the skills learned in Yoga Basics and explore asanas (postures) to build strength and flexibility, mindful transitions, dynamic exercises to increase balance, breathing practices (pranayama), and meditation techniques. *This class is suitable for those who have completed Yoga Basics or a similar course or three months of regular yoga practice. Bring a yoga mat and two yoga blocks.*

1/15–3/12 Thu 5:30–6:30 PM Class ID: 19440
Location: PC-P105 \$89

Fitness Center

Exercise on your own schedule! You will have access to cycles, treadmills, free weights, Universal Equipment, and more.

- Cardio equipment: treadmills, ellipticals, upright and recumbent cycles, StepMills, Waves, VersaClimber, and rowing machines
- Strength training: Keiser power rack, inlaid Olympic platform, bumper plates, sandbells, PowerBlocks, turf area, dumbbells, kettlebells, ropes, medicine balls, and push-pull systems
- Upper-level walking track that's free to anyone during fitness center hours

1/13–5/14 Mon–Fri 7 AM–6 PM, Sat 8 AM–12 PM
Class ID: 19936 PC-P130 \$99

arts & crafts

new Barn Quilt Painting: Geometric Design

No barn? No problem! Join the barn quilt movement by creating your own painted quilt block for beautiful décor you can use on the inside or outside of your home. A variety of colors will be available to choose from at the start of class. You'll begin with a pre-primed board and move through each step—drafting, taping, and painting—with careful attention to detail. Once the painting begins, you'll work at your own pace. Instructor Jane Cade will discuss how to properly seal your finished piece after the paint has dried for 48 hours. Leave with a 20-by-20-inch quilt block to keep for yourself or share your talents and give someone the perfect gift! *Registration deadline: 2/26. Supplies extra, more information online.*

3/7 Sat 8 AM–1 PM Class ID: 19477
Location: CE \$109

new Basket Weaving: Touch of Spring

Start by inserting and securing spokes into a wood, slotted base. Techniques include using a wood base, twining, shaping, and a match-stick border. The colors are Celery Green and natural. Pretty pip berries adorn the front of the basket. This little cutie will look great anywhere you choose to display it! Finished product dimensions: height 3 1/2 inches by length 14 3/4 inches. *Dress for a mess. Water and dyed reed will be used.*

3/28 Sat 8:30 AM–12:30 PM Class ID: 19417
Location: CE \$89

Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Develop and improve your throwing skills, including centering, opening, and pulling vessels. Then form cylinders, bowls, and other shapes. You'll also learn how to evaluate form and how it serves a vessel's function. It's a great opportunity to hone basic techniques of throwing and expand your skills in all aspects of pottery. Return for the final class session to check out everyone's completed products on display, get final instructions on care and maintenance, and pick up your finished items to take home and enjoy.

Class tool kits and clay must be purchased before the first class through Art Coop, Urbana. Expect to pay approximately \$50 for supplies. Order online at theartcoop.com. Included: Studio hours, 12–1 PM on Jan 17, 24, and 31.

1/10–2/7 Sat 12–2:30 PM Class ID: 19454
Location: PC-C193 \$169

Ceramics: Slab Building Functional Pottery

Designed for beginners. Over four meetings, you'll learn techniques and applications of slab building to create functional forms such as cups, tumblers, or small bowls. To finish your pieces, you'll learn about glaze application and the firing process. Return for the final meeting to check out others' completed products on display, get final instructions on care and maintenance, and pick up your finished items to take home and enjoy. Expect to produce two to four functional vessels. *Class tool kits and clay must be purchased before the first class through Art Coop, Urbana. Expect to pay approximately \$50 for supplies. Order online at theartcoop.com. Included: Studio hours, 12–1 PM on Jan 17, 24, and 31.*

1/10–2/7 Sat 9–11 AM Class ID: 19453
Location: PC-C193 \$169

new Cozy Crochet Basics

Discover the relaxing art of crochet! In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn essential stitches including chain, single, double, and triple crochet. With hands-on guidance, you'll build skills step-by-step and complete your very own cozy scarf by the end of the course. A supply list will be provided before the first class—bring your enthusiasm and creativity! *A supply list is available online.*

2/11–3/4 Wed 6–7:30 PM Class ID: 19416
Location: CE \$109

new Fiber Arts: Felted Bumblebee

Use locally-sourced alpaca fibers and sheep's wool to create an adorable bumblebee. You'll have a chance to make your own unique bee and leave with some materials to continue creating on your own. Your instructor will walk you through each step as you discover the art of dry felting and uncover the joy of handcrafting something special. Your instructor is the co-owner of Sundrop Alpacas in Bement, Illinois. *All materials provided.*

3/16 Mon 5:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19415
Location: CE \$89

Improve Your Improv

Learn the mechanics needed to act out an entertaining and meaningful scene on the spot with no prepared lines. Although improv is often a natural skill, anyone can learn elements of the craft. These skills are useful on stage but also in everyday life, wherever you might be put on the spot. While focusing on creating long-form improv scenes, you'll learn the essentials, including team dynamics. You'll also learn short-form improv games to study the craft. This will be a get-up-and-perform kind of class. Complete beginners and those experienced in improv are all encouraged to join!

3/3–4/14 Tue 6–7:30 PM, no class 3/17
Class ID: 19441 Location: PC-X115 \$119

Introduction to Hot-Glass Lampworking

Make blown-glass objects using a benchtop torch in the private studio of Mack Glass. You will make and take home a few custom-made pieces of your own as you learn the basics. A member of the Mack Glass team will guide you through your projects while discussing the best types of tools and glass for the craft and necessary safety precautions. Your craftwork will be one of a kind and you'll be ready to come back for more. *All materials and equipment are included. Closed-toe shoes are required. Wear cotton, khaki, or denim clothing; no polyester.*

1/13 Tue 6:30–8 PM Class ID: 19431
Location: Mack Glass \$95
2/10 Tue 6:30–8 PM Class ID: 19432
Location: Mack Glass \$95
3/10 Tue 6:30–8 PM Class ID: 19433
Location: Mack Glass \$95



new Paint on Water: Paper Marbling Workshop

Discover the mesmerizing art of painting on water to create beautiful marbled designs. This hands-on workshop begins with a 40-minute introduction to the history, techniques, and tools of paper marbling. Then, move to the marbling station, where you'll take turns experimenting with colors and patterns, watching them swirl and dance on the water's surface before transferring them to paper. By the end, you'll have some unique works of art to take home—each a one-of-a-kind creation. No experience needed. *All materials provided.*

4/16 Thu 6–8 PM Class ID: 19475
Location: PC-X115 \$79

new Painting with Pastels

Discover the vibrant world of soft pastels in this beginner-friendly class—no prior experience needed! Learn what soft pastels are and explore a variety of basic mark-making techniques to create depth, texture, and dimension. Then, put your new skills into practice as you paint along with the instructor to complete a simple still life you'll be proud to take home. This class is designed to equip you with foundational pastel techniques you can build on for future creative projects. All materials are provided, but you're welcome to bring your own. *All materials provided.*

3/1 Sun 1–4 PM Class ID: 19476
Location: PC-X115 \$85

new Shape and Color: Foundations in Painting

This class focuses on painting what we see rather than what we know, using an approach that focuses on working general to specific and concentrating on color and shape. Begin by painting from photographs and then move on to working from a simple still life. The emphasis is on breaking down objects into basic shapes, identifying essential color components, and applying paint with purpose and intention—building a strong foundation for seeing and painting with clarity. New students can expect a materials list of approx. \$130 while existing painters may need to augment their current supplies. *Appropriate for Advanced Beginner/Intermediate level painters. You should have previous experience color mixing. A supply list is available online.*

2/18–3/11

Wed 6–8:30 PM

Class ID: 19460

Location: PC-C190

\$159

new The Basics of Color: Exploring Light and Form

This beginner-friendly class introduces the fundamentals of color mixing and observing simple forms through the unique subject of folded paper still lifes. Explore color and learn how light influences color perception. Through hands-on practice and guided instruction, build foundational skills in color theory, brushwork, and composition. New students can expect a materials list of approx. \$130 while existing painters may need to augment their current supplies. *For beginner and intermediate painters. Oil and acrylic painters are welcome. A supply list is available online.*

1/14–2/4

Wed 6–8:30 PM

Class ID: 19418

Location: PC-C190

\$159

Woodcarving for Beginners

Are you interested in learning woodcarving but don't know where to start? This class introduces you to the basic skills of knife carving. After practicing basic cuts, you'll get to work on two beginner-level projects of your own. Carve a palm size comfort bird and a small seasonal carving. Instructor Bill Pedersen will also cover how to care for your knives, other types of woodcarving tools and their uses, and how to finish your pieces with paint or other mediums after the carving is complete. Finally, you'll be introduced to woodcarving resources to continue your journey in this wonderful art form. *Carving knife, protective glove, and all wood for carving are provided for you to keep.*

1/28–2/4

Wed 6–8:30 PM

Class ID: 19445

Location: CEA-Y113

\$79



“I enjoy being creative and learning new artistic and creative skills. It’s always nice to walk away from a class with both a new skill I can do on my own, as well as a finished product. The instructors have it down!”

—Ginger Passalacqua

language & writing

American Sign Language (ASL)

Some hands speak volumes. Learn American Sign Language, including the manual alphabet and common individual signs, with a focus on understanding deaf culture.

This course is offered for credit or noncredit; indicate at registration.

Residency fees apply. To register, contact Admissions at 217/351-2482.

1/12-5/13

Mon & Wed 6-7:50 PM

ASL 111-001

Location: PC-C239

Beginning Conversational French

Proper pronunciation is important for effective communication. This course is crafted to ensure you will have no trouble pronouncing French words correctly. You will learn how to communicate at the airport, how to talk to hotel employees, and how to communicate in restaurants. Each lesson also includes cultural tips. Hand and body gestures mean different things in different cultures. For example, do you know the proper way to point to avoid offending people in France? This course will tell you. You will be pleased with your quick progress, and you will be prepared for your next trip! Register at ed2go.com/pc.

"I have learned an incredible amount of French from this beginning class. I think that is mostly due to the class format and teaching style of the instructor. Merci beaucoup!" -Ed2Go student

1/14-2/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$130
2/11-3/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$130
3/18-4/24	24 hours	ONLINE	\$130

Instant Italian

This dynamic course will teach you how to express yourself comfortably in Italian. You'll read, hear, and practice dialogues of everyday words which will teach you to communicate in a wide variety of settings. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

"I found the information in the class to be extremely useful and just the thing that I needed to be able to go to Italy and communicate in an understandable and basic way. Professor Bertoldi's explanations were clear and the additional information available for each lesson was very helpful." -Ed2Go student

1/14-2/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$130
2/11-3/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$130
3/18-4/24	24 hours	ONLINE	\$130

Speed Spanish

Imagine yourself speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Now you can with Speed Spanish. This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn Spanish pronto. Learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. In no time at all, you will be able to go into any Spanish speaking situation and converse in Spanish. ¡Qué Bueno! Register at ed2go.com/pc.

"I liked the course and appreciated not having to get bored over conjugating verbs, etc. It was useful from the beginning lesson. Thanks." -Ed2Go student

1/14-2/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$143
2/11-3/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$143
3/18-4/24	24 hours	ONLINE	\$143

Beginning Writer's Workshop

Some of the best works of fiction and nonfiction were crafted in a writer's workshop. This online course will help you write your own creative piece. Like a true writing workshop, you will learn literary techniques, peer review a classmate's work and receive constructive criticism on your work. In addition, you will learn how to move your work from the prewriting stage to editing and final revision. You will also learn how to use literary devices, meaningful dialogue, and imagery in your different drafts. By the end of this online workshop, you will have a thoroughly developed creative writing piece. You might even be ready for publication! Register at ed2go.com/pc.

1/14-2/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$146
2/11-3/20	24 hours	ONLINE	\$146
3/18-4/24	24 hours	ONLINE	\$146

Arabic Calligraphy

Explore Arabic calligraphy and its historical context within the Arab-Muslim world. You will start with a brief lecture on the history and then be introduced to various Arabic calligraphy scripts. Receive personalized, hands-on practice, including in-class practice with visual aids and take-home assignments. Each student will receive a toolkit that includes a bamboo pen, ink, and instructional materials to take home. *All materials provided.*

4/7	Tue 6-8 PM	Class ID: 19430
Location: CE		\$79

A to Z Grant Writing

A to Z Grant Writing will take you through the planning process for documenting the need for funding in a Theory of Change Grant Project Planning Worksheet. Beginning with writing about what will be implemented (your vision for change and impact) when the project is funded, the worksheet begins to come to life. Exploring why funding is needed is the beginning of articulating the statement of need. You will learn how to document your projection of how, when funded, your project will initiate change. Once you've created the project's goals, the worksheet asks for inputs or resources (mirroring a logic model's format). Your thought processes and imagination will be assessed in the implementation activities and timeline section. You'll also have a chance to develop outputs and outcomes for the planned project. Finally, you'll learn how to develop a project budget. Where does all this lead? Every lesson is one step closer to having 100% of the information you'll need to write a highly competitive grant proposal. Additional features include six teachable moments videos and six choose your own adventure branching scenarios to fuel your creative thinking processes. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

\$143

Effective Business Writing

Do you have a nagging suspicion that a small improvement in your writing skills might also improve your career prospects? Don't let small gaps in your business writing skills prevent you from reaching your full potential! It doesn't matter whether you're a clerical worker, an engineer, or an executive. If you communicate with others in writing, you need this course to help you identify and eliminate problem areas. By the end of this course, you'll know the secret to developing powerful written documents that immediately draw readers in and keep them motivated to continue until your very last, well-chosen word. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

\$190



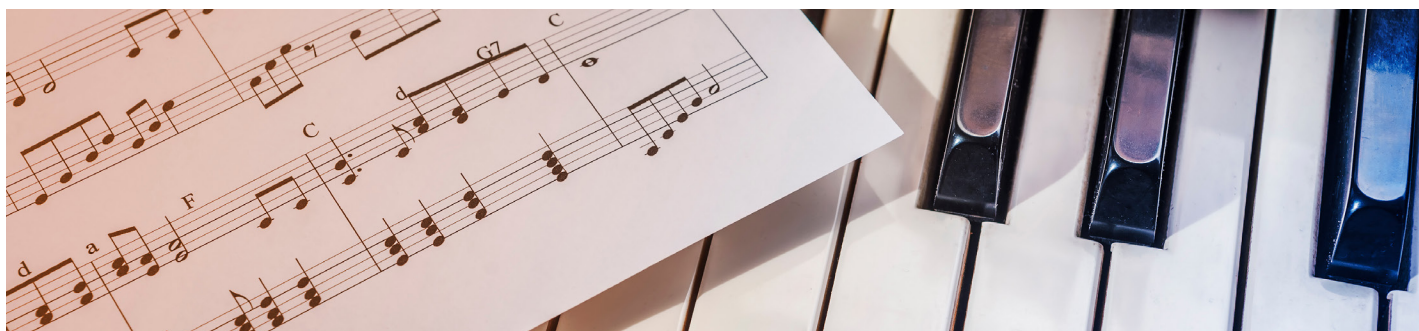
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music

Instant Guitar for Busy People

Have you ever wanted to learn guitar but found it challenging to find the time? In just a few hours, you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Since this class is held online with Zoom, you can sit at home with your guitar and take the class without any pressure. The session includes an online book and online follow-up video lessons to allow you to continue your practice and study independently. An optional online question-and-answer session and a recording of the Zoom session are also available. Topics include how chords work in a song, how to form the three main types of chords, how to tune your guitar, basic strumming patterns, how to buy a good guitar (and things to avoid), and how to play along with simple tunes.

2/10 Tue 6:30–9 PM Class ID: 19444
 ONLINE \$85

Instant Piano for Busy People

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do using chords. The Zoom format allows you to sit at your piano or keyboard at home while you learn. An online book and online follow-up video lessons are included, which allow you to continue your practice and study at your own pace. An optional online question-and-answer session is also included. You will receive a recording of the live Zoom session. The course is part lecture-demonstration and part hands-on instruction. Topics include how chords work in a song, how to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it, how to form the three main types of chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, how to avoid counting, and how to simplify more than 12,000 complex chords.

2/9 Mon 6:30–9:30 PM Class ID: 19443
 ONLINE \$85

Music Ensembles

For concert dates, please visit: parkland.edu/musicensembles. Community instrumentalists and vocalists are invited to join. Enrollment is open through mid-October. Audition is required. Register by contacting the Arts, Media, and Social Sciences Department at 217/351-2217.

Choral Ensemble/Parkland Chorale

Director, Dr. Cheryl Morganson
 1/13–5/5 Tue 5–7:45 PM Location: PC-C142

Instrumental Ensemble/Wind Ensemble

Director, Dr. Jonathan Beckett
 1/13–5/5 Tue 6:30–9:15 PM Location: PC-C148

Instrumental Ensemble/Orchestra

Director, Dr. Rodney Mueller
 1/12–5/4 Mon 7–9:45 PM Location: PC-C148

Instrumental Ensemble/Concert Band

Director, Dr. Matthew Dixon
 1/15–5/7 Thu 7–9 PM Location: PC-C148

Jazz Ensemble/Small Jazz Ensemble

Director, Prof. Kevin Hart
 1/12–5/4 Mon 3–5:45 PM Location: PC-C148

Guitar Ensemble

Director, Prof. Young Kim
 1/14–5/6 Wed 6–8:45 PM Location: PC-C142

culinary

Cake Decorating Basics

This introductory decorating class will lead you to create beautiful cakes. Techniques include leveling and stacking cakes, applying icing, and hand-sculpting flowers. You'll also learn how to put the finishing touches on with borders and writing on the cake. No experience is necessary. *All supplies are provided, including 5-inch cakes. Bring a container to take your cake home.*

2/21 Sat 1–4 PM Class ID: 19448 Location: PC-X118 \$79

4/11 Sat 1–4 PM Class ID: 19449 Location: PC-X118 \$79

Cookie Decorating for Christmas

Learn the basic skills and tools to be a cookie artist. As you become familiar with the tools of the trade, you'll decorate several cookies using outline and flood techniques, and you'll practice those techniques with various frosting consistencies. Work on wet-on-wet designs and, of course, use sprinkles to enhance your works of art. You will take home approximately five frosted cookies. *Bring a lidded container. All materials provided.*

12/15 Mon 6–9 PM Class ID: 18996 Location: PC-X118 \$79

Classic Croissants

Croissants, named for their crescent shape, use the laminating technique to layer dough and butter to achieve a flaky texture. Join pastry chef Doris Klenke in this hands-on class as you learn the techniques for working with yeasted dough, creating the butter-laminated dough, and filling and proofing the croissant to ensure the right texture. Doris will have dough prepared in various stages so you can practice every step of the process, in addition to prepping some croissants to take home for baking at the end of class. Great for beginner to advanced bakers. *Bring a 9-by-13-inch glass dish.*

2/4 Wed 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19446 Location: PC-X118 \$99

Pains Au Chocolat Croissant

Re-create this French bakery classic with pastry chef Doris Klenke. Croissants are one of the most delicious pastries in the world, but it is difficult to perfect the flaky, buttery texture. Learn the techniques and tricks of making a delicious croissant. Doris will have dough prepared in various stages so you can practice every step of the process, in addition to prepping some croissants to take home for baking at the end of class. Great for beginner to advanced bakers. *Bring a covered 9-by-13-inch dish or 2 large lidded containers.*

3/25 Wed 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19447 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Sweet Traditions: Indian Festival Treats

Celebrate the joy of Indian festivals as you create three beloved sweets, each carrying a unique flavor, texture, and cultural significance. Learn the art of making Quick Kalakand, soft and cardamom-scented squares treasured for their gentle richness. Shape golden Coconut Ladoos, chewy and fragrant treats that symbolize joy and abundance. Finally, master the dazzling Jalebi, with its crisp spirals soaked in syrup—a showstopper at festivals and weddings. Perfect for anyone who loves cooking and culture, this class blends taste, tradition, and artistry into an unforgettable culinary experience. *Bring either sectioned containers or several small containers.*

3/2 Mon 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19473 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Butter Chicken and Naan Indian Feast

Discover how to prepare a delicious Indian feast featuring Butter Chicken, fresh Naan, fragrant Basmati Rice, a cooling Cucumber Raita, and a zesty Indian Pickled Onion. With a perfect blend of aromatic spices and rich flavors, this class is ideal for anyone looking to master these classic dishes. Students will dive into the art of marinating, cooking, and presenting a full Indian meal. This class concludes with a shared meal and plenty of flavor tips to take home. *Bring either sectioned containers or several small containers.*

3/31 Tue 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19474 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Dumpling Party Delight

In this joyful and hands-on dumpling party, participants will dive into the comforting world of homemade dumplings, explore the art of crafting Hong You chilli oil from scratch, and round out the meal with a soul-warming miso soup. From folding techniques to flavor layering, this class is all about sharing, learning, and savoring. Participants will leave with full bellies, new skills, and their own jar of chili oil. Menu includes Chicken Dumplings (with vegetarian option), Homemade Hong You (Chili Oil), and Classic Miso Soup with Tofu and Seaweed. *Bring either sectioned containers or several small containers.*

2/25 Wed 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19472 Location: PC-X118 \$99



Sweets from the Heart of Europe: Desserts

\$240

Journey through the flavors of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland with recipes inspired by instructor Doris Klenke's recent travels. Delicate desserts bring authentic techniques and delicious tastes straight from the heart of Europe to your kitchen. *Register for all three and SAVE!*

new Austria: Salzburger Nockerl

Indulge in the airy sweetness of Austria's iconic Salzburger Nockerl! Learn to whip up this cloud-like soufflé dessert, lightly sweetened and baked to golden perfection, inspired by the snow-capped peaks of Salzburg. A delightful finish to any meal and a true taste of Austrian tradition. *Bring two lidded containers.*

1/29 Thu 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19468 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Germany: Apple Strudel

Delight in the classic flavors of German Apfelstrudel (Apple Strudel)! Learn to create paper-thin pastry filled with spiced apples, raisins, and a hint of sweetness, then bake it to golden perfection for a warm, aromatic dessert that's beloved across Germany. *Bring two lidded containers.*

2/19 Thu 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19469 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Switzerland: UrDinkel Chocolate Chip Cookies and Swiss Hazelnut Bars from Berne

Discover two classic sweet flavors from Switzerland in this delicious baking class. Learn to make UrDinkel Chocolate Chip Cookies, a Swiss twist on a favorite treat using hearty spelt flour, and Berner Hasselnuss Stängeli, traditional hazelnut bars from the city of Berne. With guidance from your instructor, you'll explore authentic ingredients and techniques while creating two desserts that reflect Switzerland's rich culinary heritage. Bring a taste of the Alps home to your kitchen! *Bring two lidded containers.*

3/12 Thu 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19470 Location: PC-X118 \$99



new Festive Thali Cooking

Bring your appetite and curiosity to this flavorful journey into Indian cooking! Prepare a festive thali — a traditional Indian platter filled with variety, color, and spice. Learn how to balance flavors, textures, and aromas as we cook a complete meal together from scratch. No matter your experience level, you'll walk away with new skills, recipes to try at home, and a delicious appreciation for Indian cuisine. Menu: Chole, Puri, stuffed bell peppers, Suji Halwa, Raita, and salad. *Bring either sectioned containers or several small containers.*

1/22 Thu 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19471 Location: PC-X118 \$99

Focaccia Bread Baking: From Dough to Delicious

Discover the joy of making your own focaccia bread in this fun and flavorful hands-on class! Learn step-by-step how to mix, knead, proof, and bake this iconic Italian flatbread. Explore techniques for achieving that signature airy texture and crispy crust and get creative with a variety of savory toppings—from herbs and garlic to olives and sun-dried tomatoes. Leave with a freshly baked focaccia and the skills to recreate it at home. Come hungry and ready to bake!

Bring an 8"x11" container with airtight lid.

3/26 Thu 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19462 Location: PC-X118 \$89

Savory from the Heart of Europe: Soups \$279

Journey through the flavors of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland with recipes inspired by instructor Doris Klenke's recent travels. Hearty soups will bring authentic techniques and delicious tastes straight from the heart of Europe to your kitchen. *Register for all three and SAVE!*

new Austria: Frittatensuppe (Pancake Soup)

Discover the comfort of Austria's beloved Frittatensuppe (Pancake Soup)! Learn to make thin crepe-like pancakes, slice them into delicate strips, and serve them in a savory homemade broth—perfect for warming up and connecting with Austrian culinary tradition. *Bring two lidded containers.*

1/20 Tue 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19465 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Germany: Bavarian Potato Soup

Savor the hearty comfort of Bavaria with Kartoffelsuppe nach Bayerischer Art (Bavarian Potato Soup)! Learn to craft this creamy, flavorful soup filled with tender potatoes, pork sausages, savory vegetables, and traditional seasonings—a warm and satisfying taste of southern Germany's culinary heritage. *Bring two lidded containers.*

2/10 Tue 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19466 Location: PC-X118 \$99

new Switzerland: Swiss Barley Soup

Experience the rustic comfort of Bündner Gerstensuppe (Swiss Barley Soup)! This hearty Alpine favorite combines pearl barley, tender vegetables, and savory flavors for a nourishing dish enjoyed in Switzerland's mountain villages for generations.

Bring two lidded containers.

3/3 Tue 6–8:30 PM Class ID: 19467 Location: PC-X118 \$99

home & garden

Canning Strawberry Jam

Join award-winning canner Sue Tiger as she walks you through the process of making delicious strawberry jam. Leave with two jars—one already made and one that you make in class and take home to allow it to set. Canning gives you control over what you put into your food, tastes better than store-bought products, and is cost effective. Learn the techniques and processes for canning safely. You'll get a background on the science behind the canning process as you work. Not only will you take home step-by-step instructions for the delicious recipe, but you'll also leave with your own canned jar to enjoy and share. *All supplies are provided.*

3/28 Sat 9–11:30 AM Class ID: 19458 Location: PC-X118 \$85

The Art of Ikebana: Bringing Flowers to Life

Discover the ancient Japanese art of ikebana, where floral arrangement is more than just placing flowers in a vase. In this engaging one-night workshop, you'll learn the philosophy behind ikebana, which translates to "make flowers come alive." Explore techniques to transform cut flowers into vibrant arrangements that highlight each flower's natural beauty and harmony with others. Guided by an expert instructor, you'll create your own floral piece while developing aesthetic sensitivity and mindfulness. No prior experience is necessary—just bring an open mind and a love for flowers. Take home a beautiful arrangement and new insights into the art of mindful creativity. *All materials provided.*

2/12 Thu 6–8 PM Class ID: 19452 Location: CE \$99

new Small Farmer Wannabees

Thinking about homesteading or starting a small farm? Learn from two families who began their journeys with very different goals—one focused on restoring washed-out farmland with innovative, sustainable practices, the other simply wanting space to raise a family and food for their own table. Along the way, neighbors started asking to buy, and small farming grew into something more. This honest, down-to-earth class explores the challenges, mistakes, and unexpected joys of building a working farm, offering real lessons for anyone dreaming of this lifestyle. *Class covers farm planning, site preparation, life cycles, animal research, seasonal management, marketing, and documentation. Conclude with a farm tour featuring sheep, chickens, goats, and possibly spring babies!*

1/20–1/31 Tue 6–8:30 PM & Sat 10 AM–2 PM Class ID: 19461
Location: CE & Mahomet \$89

Introduction to CNC Router

The CNC router is a 21st-century woodworking machine used to cut parts, carve decorative details, make signs, and produce relief carvings. CNC machines are popular with woodworking hobbyists, artists, and crafters in home shops and makerspaces. Local CNC woodworker Allan Tuchman will guide you in using the popular VCarve Pro software required for operating any CNC router, and you'll design a project. An additional two-hour session will be arranged for you to complete your project on an actual CNC machine at the Champaign Woodworkers Club after being trained in the safety and operation of the CNC router. *Prerequisite: comfortable working with Windows PCs and using a computer mouse. Experience with design, graphics, or photo editing software is helpful. An additional two-hour session will be arranged at your convenience to complete your CNC router project at Champaign Woodworkers Club.*

2/2–2/9 Mon & Wed 6–9 PM Class ID: 19451
Location: CE \$275

Introduction to Welding

Learn the basics of welding on the weekend. Welding is a useful skill for car mechanics, general hobbyists, artists, and those interested in DIY home and farm repair projects. In just five Sundays, discover the welding methods and safe operating practices of stick (SMAW) and MIG (wire, GMAW). Practice what you've learned in the lab and work on a project of your choice. *Bring a pair of safety glasses and gauntlet-style welding gloves. No open-toe shoes or frayed clothing. Wear nonsynthetic clothing.*

1/25–2/22 Sun 3–6 PM Class ID: 19450
Location: PC-T131 & T132 \$299



money matters

Stocks, Bonds, and Investing: Oh My!

Looking for a good solid class on the basics of stocks, bonds, finance, and investing? Haven't the slightest clue how to prepare for retirement, pay for college, or even manage your personal finances? And do you wish you could do it all without having to pay a broker or a financial advisor? Well, look no further. The class you need is right here. This is an enjoyable class that walks you through the fundamentals of investing. Not only will you learn about the stock markets, 401k plans, and retirement, but also address personal financial issues that are often ignored, but essential, to your success as an investor. Each lesson explains these concepts in detail, so you understand how and why things work in the investment world. Provide yourself with the independence and confidence you will need to make your own investment decisions. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

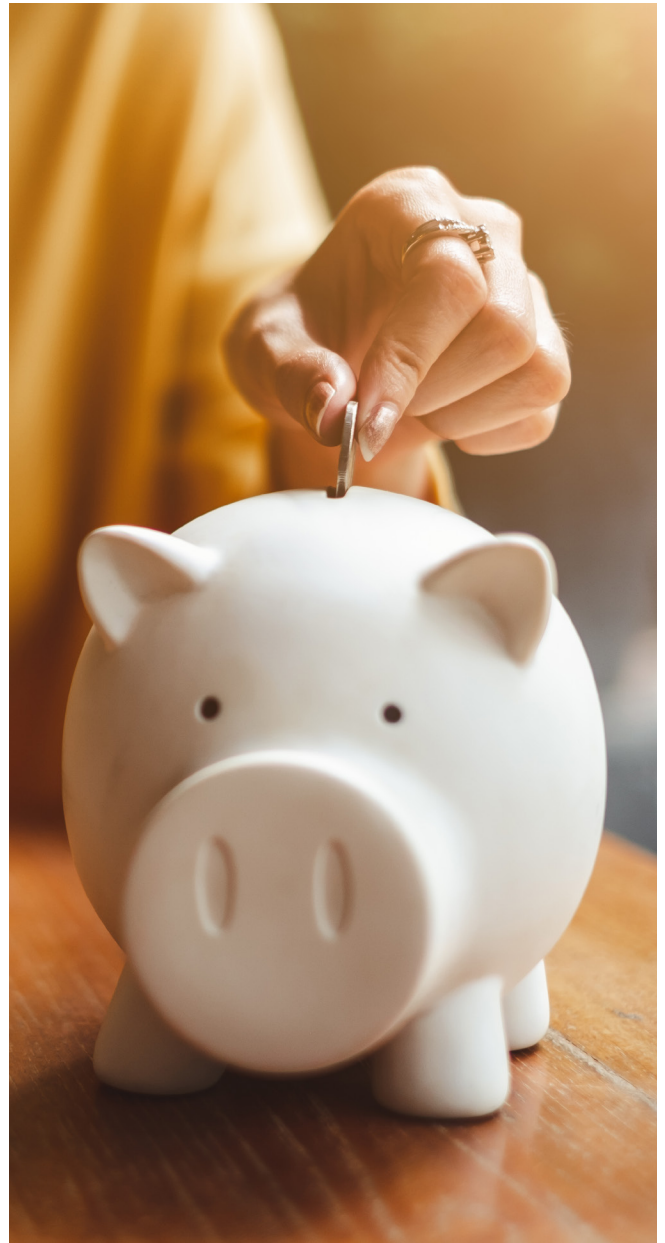
1/14-2/20	24 hours, ONLINE	\$141
2/11-3/20	24 hours, ONLINE	\$141
3/18-4/24	24 hours, ONLINE	\$141

Introduction to Stock Options

If you've ever wanted to learn how to evaluate, buy, sell, and profit from stocks, this course is for you. Leave armed with investment tools that were once thought to be only for the pros! Examine stock options and risks, learn to identify the jargon and symbols of options in a way that's easy to understand, and dig deeper into option pricing. You'll learn how to protect your portfolio and profit in any market. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

"Great course. Tons of information given but in a simple and clear manner. Lots of examples to help illustrate the concepts. Good class to help understand the basics and the different terms and strategies. Definitely recommend." - Ed2Go student

1/14-2/20	24 hours, ONLINE	\$147
2/11-3/20	24 hours, ONLINE	\$147
3/18-4/24	24 hours, ONLINE	\$147



recreation

Pistol One: Fundamentals

This is the first step in your handgun training. If you are new to firearms and have an interest in firing a handgun, this class is for you. Ownership of a handgun is not required, nor is a FOID card. Your instructor will guide you through your first experience on the range with a .22 caliber handgun, and there will be plenty of classroom time for discussion and questions. The only requirement is that you have an open mind and a willingness to learn. *Registration deadline is 2/28. Bring safety glasses and hearing protection. Ammunition and handguns will be provided. An Illinois Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) card is not required.*

3/15 Sun 1-4 PM Class ID: 19414 Location: High Caliber \$99

history

new Discovering DeWitt County: Images and Stories from the Past

There's far more to DeWitt County than its nuclear power plant and scenic lake. Beyond Abraham Lincoln's well-known ties, the area has been home to politicians, celebrities, and even an explorer who left their mark on history. Author Maureen Holtz will share fascinating photographs and stories from her newest book, *Images of America: DeWitt County*. Journey through the history of Clinton, Farmer City, Wapella, Waynesville, Kenney, Hallsville, Weldon, and Weldon Springs in this engaging presentation. Discover the people and places that shaped the county's rich heritage.

4/16 Thu 10–11:30 AM Class ID: 19479 Location: CE \$15

new Surviving the Holocaust: Dr. William Gingold & The Righteous Among the Nations Exhibit

Born in Warsaw just days after Nazi Germany's invasion, Dr. William Gingold shares his family's harrowing survival through the Warsaw Ghetto, deportation to Siberia, and displacement before reaching Ellis Island in 1951. His story reflects resilience, loss, and hope amid unimaginable challenges. Complementing his testimony, the Holocaust Exhibit honors the "Righteous Among the Nations"—non-Jewish individuals from many nations and faiths who risked everything to rescue Jews, exemplifying courage and compassion during one of history's darkest times.

2/20 Fri 9:30 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19455 Location: CE \$15

day trips

new Fiber Arts and Fine Flavors

Enjoy a delightful day trip to Esther's Place located in Big Rock IL, filled with food, creativity, and fun! Your outing begins with a delicious luncheon featuring local favorite South Moon BBQ—barbecue chicken slider, baked beans, potato salad, and cheesecake with house-made sauce, plus raspberry lemonade, tea, and coffee. (Special dietary needs welcomed with advance notice.) Afterward, enjoy Esther's fascinating "sheep to shawl" demonstration, where you'll see the process of carding, spinning, and more. Then, dive into a hands-on craft project and create your own keepsake. Before heading home, browse unique gifts, supplies, and wearable art in the Esther's Place shop. *Included: transportation, lunch, demonstration, and craft. No refunds after 3/11.*

3/26 Thu 8 AM–5 PM Class ID: 19482 Location: CE \$99



travel

Armchair Travel

Join us on adventures near and far as our presentations give you unique perspectives of travelers' experiences.

new Australia and Tasmania

Go on a walkabout through Australia's natural wonders and iconic landmarks! Explore Sydney's Opera House, walk the Harbor Bridge, and uncover the convict roots of the city's first settlers. Then, dive into the Great Barrier Reef by snorkel and semi-submersible. Journey to Uluru for a camel ride at sunset and insight into Anangu culture. Visit kangaroos, koalas, and more in Alice Springs, then watch fairy penguins in Melbourne. Finally, head to Tasmania to explore Port Arthur's convict prison, rugged coastline, and an Antarctic expedition hut.

2/17 Tue 1:30–3 PM Class ID: 19427 Location: CE \$15

new Amazon, Devil's Island, and the Caribbean

Visit the infamous French prison at Devil's Island. Then travel up the Amazon through the jungle to Manaus to see the elegant Opera House. Hunt caimans at night and visit villages along the river. See the mixing of the waters as two colors of water flow together. Sway with the dancers at the colorful Boi Bumba festival. Swim with dolphins and feed stingrays in the Caribbean.

3/24 Tue 1:30–3 PM Class ID: 19428 Location: CE \$15

Community Education Group Trip to Italy

Join Carrie Harris as she takes you through the Community Education group's unforgettable adventure to Italy in September 2025. Together, they explored Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Ostia, and more on a 13-day journey blending history, culture, and breathtaking scenery. From strolling Tivoli's Renaissance gardens and savoring Tuscan wines to marveling at Florence's art and architecture, this trip offered the perfect mix of guided exploration and free time for personal discovery. Experience the spirit of Assisi, the energy of Rome during a Holy Year, and the warmth of traveling with a small group of like-minded adventurers—without ever leaving your chair!

4/28 Tue 1:30–3 PM Class ID: 19429 Location: CE \$15



computers & technology

basics

new Digital Photography Management

Are you overwhelmed by the flood of photos on your smartphone, digital camera, or email? This beginner-friendly course will help you take control of your digital memories. Learn how to collect and organize pictures from multiple devices using free photo management tools for Mac, PC, or Linux. We'll cover common image file formats like JPEG, PNG, and HEIC, explore two online apps for storing and organizing photos, and dive into using the powerful, free digiKam software. Bring your laptop with digital photos to get hands-on experience and see how easy it can be to manage your photo collection! *Bring your laptop with digital photos.*

2/7-2/14

Sat 9-11 AM

Class ID: 19481

Location: CE

\$89

Cybersecurity Essentials for the Digital Age

\$50

Protecting your digital life doesn't have to be overwhelming. This series is designed to empower you with the knowledge and tools needed to safeguard your home and personal information in today's connected world. Your instructor, Ian Conklin, brings over a decade of professional cybersecurity experience at a Fortune 500 firm. With expertise spanning vulnerability management, social engineering, and security operations, Ian provides real-world insights and actionable strategies to help you navigate the digital landscape with confidence. *Register for both and SAVE!*

new Securing Your Digital Identity

In today's interconnected world, protecting your digital identity is more important than ever. Learn to confidently navigate the online world while safeguarding your personal information. You'll gain a clear understanding of cybersecurity basics, learn how to assess and manage your digital risk, and discover tools to help protect your online presence. The course also covers how to prevent cyberthreats and provides guidance on what to do if you or a loved one becomes a victim. By the end of the session, you'll feel empowered with the knowledge and resources to secure your digital identity.

3/26

Thu 6-8 PM

Class ID: 19419

Location: CE

\$29

new Securing Your Home Network

Protecting your home and family in the digital age is more important than ever. Understand the fundamentals of cybersecurity and how to safeguard your home network from cyberthreats. Learn why cybersecurity matters, how to assess and manage your household's digital risk, and how to identify vulnerabilities in your smart home devices. You'll also discover practical steps to protect your household and gain valuable resources to turn to if you or a loved one becomes a victim of cybercrime. You'll leave empowered to create a safer digital environment at home.

4/9

Thu 6-8 PM

Class ID: 19420

Location: CE

\$29

Using AI to Grow Your Business

In today's competitive business environment, combining the power of artificial intelligence (AI) with the reach of social media can help you accelerate growth, enhance customer engagement, and streamline operations. This class is designed for business owners, entrepreneurs, and anyone who wants to harness the latest AI tools and social media strategies to achieve business goals. Gain a clear understanding of blending AI technology with social media strategies to optimize your marketing efforts, increase brand awareness, and drive tangible business growth. Whether you're looking to attract new clients, improve engagement, or streamline your marketing processes, you will leave with the tools and techniques to succeed in the digital age. *Sign up for a free ChatGPT account.*

1/28 Wed 5:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19516 Location: CE \$145

Keyboarding

If you want to learn touch-typing or improve your existing typing skills, this is the perfect course for you! In these lessons, you'll use the Keyboarding Pro 5 program, a typing tutorial designed for personal computers, to learn how to touch-type, that is, to type text you read from a printed page or a computer screen without looking at your keyboard. With the skills you master here, you'll become faster and more confident at the keyboard. By the end of the course, you'll know how to touch-type the alphabetic, numeric, and symbol keys; create, save, and edit word processing documents; and successfully take a timed writing test during a job interview. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

\$141

Getting Started with Google Workspace

In a business environment—using Google Workspace, a web-based suite of applications designed for different types of work—can significantly increase your productivity. These apps can increase creativity, critical thinking, and communication in a classroom setting. Google Workspace can also be beneficial in personal use as you look to deepen your understanding of working with others, including family, friends, teammates, volunteers, and more! In this course, you will learn about the many free apps (Gmail, Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drive, Contacts, Calendar, Meet, and Chat) that Google makes available on the web and how to put them to work for business, hobbies, and personal projects. You will find out how to use each of the most popular Google apps and how they fit together to support each other and make things easier for you—from sending email messages to creating business and personal documents to sharing files and more. Register at ed2go.com/pc.

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

\$164



for business

Getting Started with Excel: Essential Skills for Success

Learn the basic and essential concepts of formulas, functions, and shortcuts for Microsoft Excel in this hands-on class. Become familiar with creating, modifying, formatting, and printing worksheets.

Practice data files will be provided for you to apply your new skills, knowledge, and confidence. The small class size allows for conversation and instruction from Wendy Barker.

1/6–1/8 Tue & Thu 1–3 PM Class ID: 19505
Location: CE \$145

new Must-Know Excel Tools

Master the essential Excel tools every professional needs in this focused, hands-on class. Whether you're analyzing data, managing budgets, or streamlining workflows, Excel offers powerful features that can save time and boost accuracy. You will learn how to link spreadsheets and workbooks, audit formulas, set up tables correctly, and validate data. Use the new analyze data feature in Excel 365 as well as practice shortcuts like go to special, find and replace formatting, inserting checkboxes, and managing preferences. Finally, impress your coworkers by learning how to use Copilot/ChatGPT to help with data analysis! Designed for beginners to intermediate users, this course is perfect for professionals, students, and anyone looking to build confidence and speed in Excel.

1/13 Tue 1–3 PM Class ID: 19506
Location: CE \$125

Excel Formatting Toolkit

Do you want to make your worksheets look professional and engaging as well as easy to read? Learn the ins and outs of formatting as well as simple tips and tricks to quickly clean up your spreadsheets. Learn shortcuts to adjust column and row sizing, apply special number and date formats, use font color, fill cells, add borders effectively, apply cell styles, master format painter, and discover conditional formatting.

1/20 Tue 1–3 PM Class ID: 19507
Location: CE \$125

Mastering Excel Functions for Data Analysis

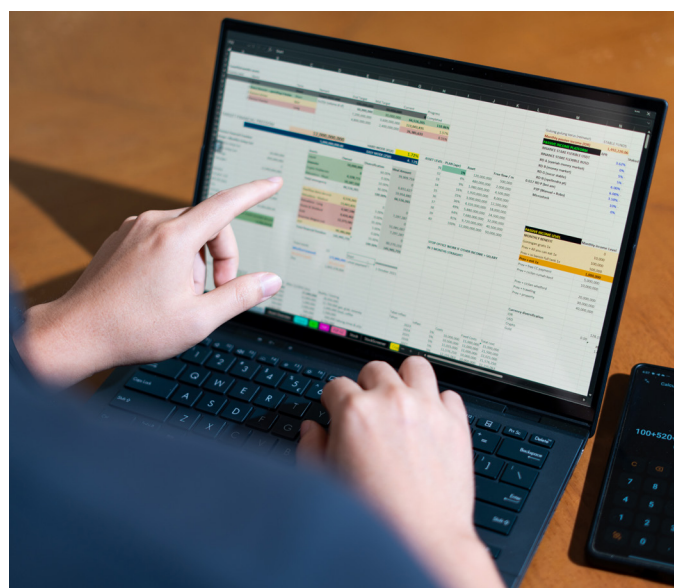
Do you want to get more out of Excel? Have you ever needed to pull specific data out of a spreadsheet? Ever thought to yourself, Isn't there an easier way? Unravel the mystery of functions by exposing the most useful ones in Excel. You will start with logical functions (IF, SUM IF, SUM IFS) to help you create comparisons in your formulas. From there, you will move on to conditional functions (AND, OR) to quickly highlight important information in a spreadsheet. Discover how to find and retrieve data with the new XLOOKUP function and learn how they will assist you in tables of data, along with DSUM, DAVERAGE, and DCOUNT. Learn how to use the SORT, FILTER, and UNIQUE functions as well as date functions like WEEKDAY, NETWORKDAY, EOMONTH, and EDATE.

1/27–1/29 Tue & Thu 1–3 PM Class ID: 19508
Location: CE \$145

From Data to Dashboards: Excel Pivot Tables Made Easy

Learn the essentials of managing data and creating PivotTables in Excel. You will use PivotTables to summarize, sort, count, and chart your data. Learn how to build PivotTables, add calculated fields, and format your layout to make it easy to read. You will also create PivotCharts, slicers, and dashboards to help you visualize your data.

2/3 Tue 1–3 PM Class ID: 19509
Location: CE \$125



Easy Data Analysis Using Excel Power Pivot and Power Query

Are you struggling to get your data to cooperate? Power Query is here to make your life easier! This powerful Excel feature lets you effortlessly import data from multiple sources and clean, transform, and reshape it to fit your exact needs. In this engaging course, you'll learn how to import, merge, rearrange, and clean your data, and then repeat the process with just one click whenever your data changes. Next, dive into Power Pivot to create a dynamic data model from multiple tables, bring in additional data, build relationships, and create custom calculations to analyze your data effectively. *Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of PivotTables.*

2/10 Tue 1–3 PM Class ID: 19510
Location: CE \$125

new Data Visualization and Analytics with Power BI

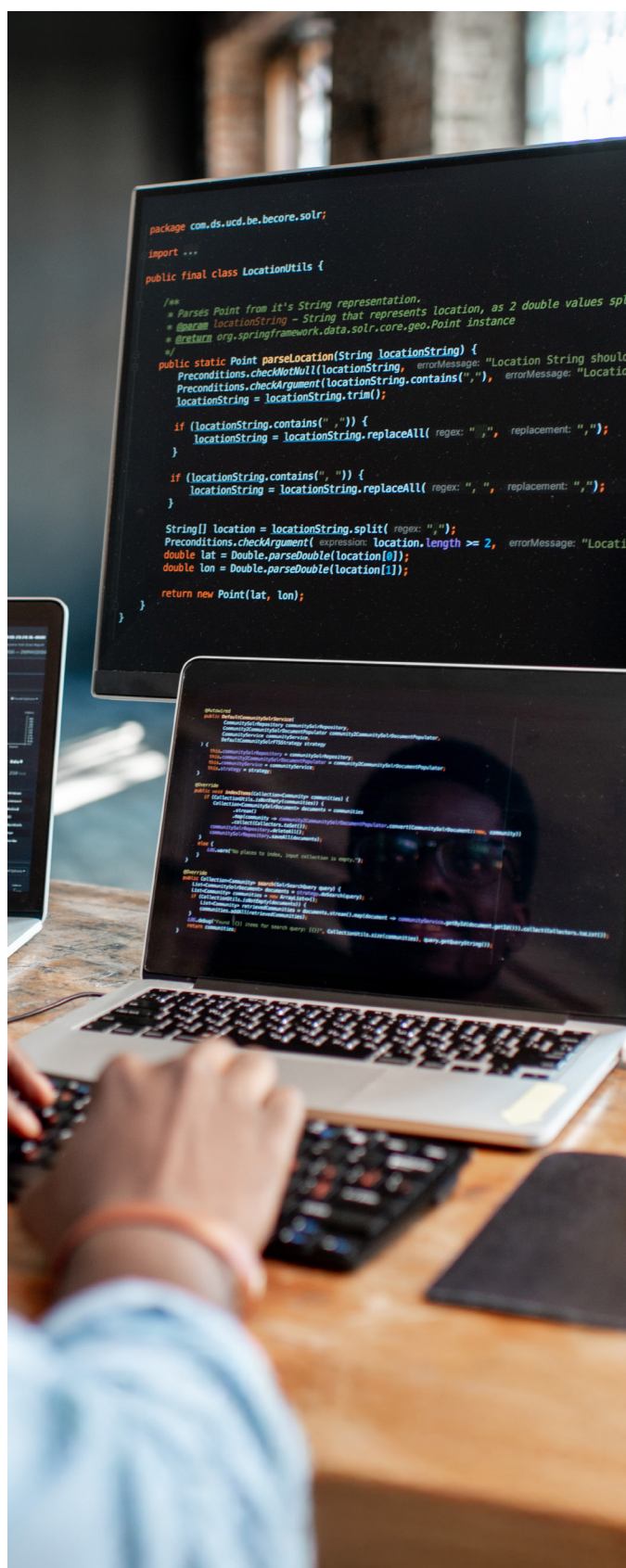
Unlock the power of your data with Power BI, Microsoft's leading business analytics tool. This hands-on course is designed for professionals who want to learn how to transform raw data into meaningful insights and visually compelling dashboards. Participants will learn how to connect to various data sources, clean and model data using Power Query, create measures and calculated columns with DAX, and build interactive reports and visualizations. Through real-world examples and guided exercises, students will develop the skills to design professional-grade reports, automate workflows, and share insights across teams. *Recommended: familiarity with Excel or basic data concepts. Experience in Power BI is not required.*

3/3–3/5 Tue & Thu 1–3 PM Class ID: 19511
Location: CE \$145

new Introduction to Python Programming

Curious about programming and how it can simplify time-consuming tasks? This beginner-friendly course introduces you to Python, one of the most popular and versatile programming languages. You don't need any prior experience—just a willingness to learn! Through hands-on exercises and simple projects, you'll discover how programming works, write your own basic Python programs, and see how these skills can be applied to solve everyday problems. By the end of the course, you'll gain confidence in your ability to think like a programmer and explore the exciting possibilities Python offers.

2/3–3/3 Tue & Thu 5:30–7 PM Class ID: 19567
Location: CE \$699



professional development

business & management

new Strategies for Professional Communication and Conflict Management

Workplace challenges are inevitable—but how you respond can make all the difference. In this practical, interactive class, you'll explore proven strategies for managing difficult interactions with supervisors and coworkers while maintaining professionalism and protecting your well-being. Learn how to:

- Identify common challenging behaviors and their root causes
- Communicate assertively and set clear boundaries
- Stay calm and focused under pressure
- Address conflict constructively and avoid escalation
- Foster a more positive, collaborative work environment

1/20 Tue 9–11 AM Class ID: 19542
Location: CE \$145

Human Resources Office Hours

Are you a nonprofit or small business seeking guidance on human resources and people management? Join us for a virtual class designed to provide expert advice tailored to your unique HR needs. This session offers a safe, confidential space to connect with an experienced HR professional who can address your questions on topics like policies and procedures, benefits, hiring, recruiting, and more. Each session also includes a brief presentation on timely and relevant HR topics, keeping you informed about current trends and best practices. Take advantage of this opportunity to gain personalized insights and ensure your organization's HR practices are compliant, efficient, and effective. Let us help you build a stronger foundation for managing and supporting your team.

1/21	Wed 12–1 PM	Class ID: 19559
ONLINE		free
2/18	Wed 12–1 PM	Class ID: 19560
ONLINE		free
3/18	Wed 12–1 PM	Class ID: 19561
ONLINE		free

new Green Belt Certification

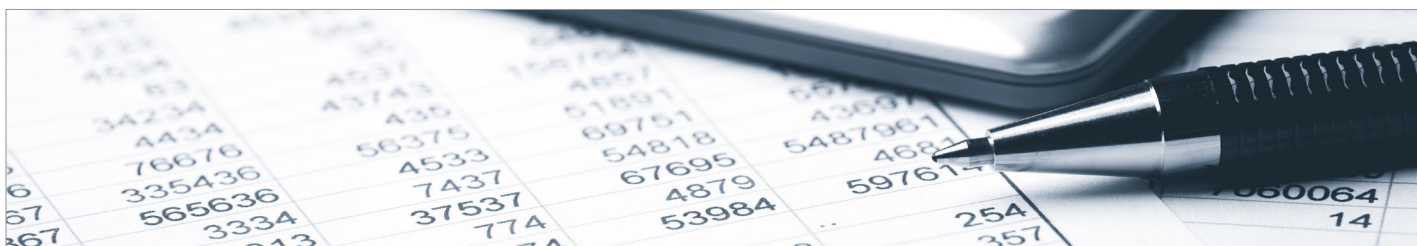
This hybrid-format Lean Six Sigma Green Belt course combines in-person sessions, virtual learning, independent study, and applied project work. Upon successful completion, including the project and final exam, participants will receive a Green Belt certificate issued by Parkland College Community Education. *Bring materials for note-taking and a way to access online materials.*

1/13–3/3 Tue 8:30–11:30 AM Class ID: 19566
Location: CE \$1,997.50

new Intellectual Property Basics for Entrepreneurs

Protecting your creativity and business ideas is just as important as developing them. This course introduces the key forms of intellectual property (IP) law that protects your venture: copyrights, trademarks, patents, and trade secrets, and shows you how they apply to your business. Learn how to identify the valuable assets in your venture, how to protect them from infringement by unauthorized third parties, how to search for an available trademark or brand name, and apply practical strategies to safeguard the intellectual assets, among others! We will also highlight common mistakes entrepreneurs and creatives make when during the early stage of developments and provide helpful guide on how to avoid them. Whether you're launching or growing your venture/business or have a creative talent or skill you want to explore and profit from, this course will give you the tools to protect your innovations and strengthen your competitive edge.

1/6–1/7 Tue & Wed 6:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19568
Location: CE \$250



Accounting Strategies **\$240**

Take control of your small business finances with our three-part Small Business Accounting Series! Whether you're just starting out or looking to sharpen your skills, these 90-minute courses will give you the practical tools to manage your money with confidence. From mastering the basics of accounting and setting up your books to creating effective budgets, managing cash flow, and understanding taxes—this series has you covered. Learn how to make informed financial decisions, stay on top of your tax obligations, and ensure long-term business success. Don't miss this chance to gain essential skills that will help your business thrive! *Register for all three and SAVE!*

Small Business Accounting Basics

Discover key accounting concepts and practical steps for managing finances in a small business. Learn essential terms like assets, liabilities, equity, revenue, and expenses, and understand the accounting equation, cash vs. accrual methods, and key financial statements (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement). We'll also cover setting up an effective accounting system, including choosing the right software, creating a chart of accounts, and best practices for tracking income and expenses. You'll leave with the tools to maintain accurate financial records and manage your business's finances with confidence.

1/13 Tue 6–7:30 PM Class ID: 19517 Location: CE \$125

Budgeting and Managing Cash Flow

Learn essential strategies for managing cash flow and creating effective budgets to ensure the financial health of your small business. Explore the importance of cash flow management, including how to prepare and use a cash flow forecast, manage receivables and payables, and implement strategies like early payment incentives and inventory control to maintain a positive cash flow. Then focus on budgeting and financial planning. You'll learn how to create a simple, actionable budget, forecast revenues and expenses, and monitor performance against your budget. We'll also discuss how to adjust your budget based on actual results to stay on track with your financial goals.

1/20 Tue 6–7:30 PM Class ID: 19518 Location: CE \$125

Taxes, Reports, and Decision-Making

Small business owners will discover the essential knowledge for managing tax obligations and leveraging financial reporting for better decision-making. We'll cover the basics of tax responsibilities, including understanding common deductions and credits, key tax filing deadlines, and the importance of maintaining accurate tax records throughout the year. We'll also focus on using financial reports to guide business decisions. Learn how to interpret key performance indicators (KPIs), analyze financial statements, and apply important financial ratios like profit margin and current ratio to assess the health of your business and make informed choices.

1/27 Tue 6–7:30 PM Class ID: 19519 Location: CE \$125

Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Series

\$1,000

Developed in partnership with United Way of Champaign County, Community Foundation of East Central Illinois, and Parkland College's Community Education department, the Nonprofit Leadership Series is designed to strengthen the nonprofit sector through focused professional development. Courses will address technical skills unique to nonprofit work and feature instruction from local experts and mentorship from community-minded business leaders.

Thanks to our Noncredit Strategies at Work (NSAW) grant, we're offering a 50% discount on this class. The price has already been reduced.

Strategic Leadership

Management Objectives

Financial Oversight

Financial Operations

Fund Development and Stakeholder Engagement - Parts 1 and 2

Creating Mission-Aligned Community Impact

Mission-Based Marketing & Communications

1/13-4/28

Every other Tuesday, 9 AM-12 PM

Location: CE



marketing & sales

new Building Your Business Brand

Whether you're growing a small business, freelancing, or launching a passion project, your brand is how people remember you. In this hands-on session, we'll break down the basics of creating a consistent, professional, and authentic brand—without hiring a designer or marketing team. Learn how to communicate your value, define your look and voice, and make your brand work for you. *To get the most out of this course, sign up for a free Canva account at canva.com.*

1/21 Wed 5:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19563
Location: CE \$145

new On-Camera Storytelling for Creators & Brands

This beginner-friendly, hands-on workshop is designed to help you build confidence and master the essentials of performing on camera—whether for social media, marketing, or personal branding. In just three hours, you'll analyze real-world video examples, learn practical filming techniques using everyday devices like smartphones, and create your own short testimonial or promo video. Guided by expert feedback and easy-to-follow tips, you'll develop authentic storytelling skills that connect with your audience and elevate your on-screen presence. Perfect for creators, influencers, entrepreneurs, and anyone ready to show up confidently on camera. *Recommended: a laptop or tablet for editing purposes. Download CapCut before class.*

1/23 Fri 9 AM–12 PM Class ID: 19543
Location: CE \$145

Canva for Beginners

Discover the power of Canva, a versatile and easy-to-use online design platform, in this hands-on course designed for beginners. Whether you're looking to create eye-catching social media posts, professional presentations, or custom flyers, this class will guide you step by step through the essential features of Canva. With personalized instructor support, you'll learn how to turn your ideas into stunning visuals and gain the confidence to design with ease. This course is perfect for those with little to no experience using Canva. By the end of this course, you'll be equipped to create professional-level designs that stand out! *To get the most out of this course, sign up for a free Canva account at canva.com.*

2/11 Wed 5:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19513
Location: CE \$145

Canva Pro: Beyond the Basics

Learn how to effectively use Canva, the leading graphic visual editor, to create visually stunning and impactful designs for your brand or business. You'll walk away with hands-on experience and practical tips as well as a knowledge of design principles you can put to work as you create your next marketing or promotional piece. This class is best for users who have a good grasp of some of the features of Canva but would like to explore everything Canva has to offer in order to take designs to the next level. The class will include instruction on Canva Magic Studio. *To get the most out of this advanced course, sign up for a Canva Pro account at canva.com.*

2/25 Wed 5:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19514
Location: CE \$145

Video Editing Made Easy With Canva

Whether you're a teacher aiming to engage students, a business owner creating promotional content, or anyone interested in making quick videos, this course is your gateway to professional-looking productions without the technical hassle or expensive software. Learn how to craft compelling videos with ease using Canva's easy-to-navigate tools. From transitions to animations, you'll gain the skills to create videos that captivate and inspire! *To get the most out of this course, sign up for a free Canva account at canva.com.*

3/4 Wed 5:30–8:30 PM Class ID: 19515
Location: CE \$145



communication

Effective Presentation Techniques

Creating a compelling presentation is an important skill in the workplace. Learn to develop an effective presentation that will ensure your audience receives and understands the information that you're sharing. Developing an effective presentation is the first step, but the manner in which you present the information is equally important. You will be shown correct ways to address your audience, along with some incorrect examples for comparison. At the end of the class, you will be given the opportunity to test your skills and present on a topic of your choice. *Bring your laptop or tablet.*

2/10 Tue 2–4 PM Class ID: 19552 Location: CE \$145

new Intro to Enneagram: A Journey to Self-Awareness, Emotional Intelligence, and Healthy Relationships

Understanding yourself—and others—is critical to success in today's workplace. This course introduces professionals to the Enneagram, a powerful framework for recognizing core motivations, conflict activators, and leadership strengths. Led by Certified Enneagram Coach Aurora Lee, this interactive training will help you identify your Enneagram type, uncover blind spots, and develop strategies to enhance emotional intelligence, collaboration, and decision-making. Whether you are leading teams, managing client relationships, or seeking to elevate your own performance, the Enneagram offers practical tools to navigate challenges and build stronger, more authentic connections. Leave with greater self-awareness, improved leadership presence, and actionable insights you can apply immediately in your work and beyond.

1/23 Fri 3–5 PM Class ID: 19558 Location: CE \$145

new Neurodiversity in the Workplace

Neurodiverse individuals are vital members of thriving workplaces. This workshop expands upon the conventional understanding of neurodiversity by exploring a strength-based perspective of hidden disabilities like Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and other learning disorders. Through interactive discussions, you will gain an understanding of executive functioning in neurodiverse employees through an affirming lens. We will learn how to build a more supportive and inclusive workplace. After completing this training, you will be able to:

- Understand and explain the strength-based neurodiversity affirming approach.
- Identify workplace barriers that impact neurodiverse individuals.
- Apply practical tools for success in the workplace.

1/10 Sat 9–10:30 AM Class ID: 19564 Location: CE \$125

1/12 Mon 9–10:30 AM Class ID: 19565 Location: CE \$125





leadership

new Emotional Intelligence for Career Growth

With AI reshaping the workplace, Emotional intelligence (EQ) is now recognized as a critical skill for career success, effective leadership, and personal well-being. High EQ drives better teamwork, communication, and resilience—making this the perfect time to build your skills. Explore the five pillars of EQ—self-awareness, regulation, motivation, empathy, and social skills—while creating a personal growth plan. You'll leave with practical strategies to overcome blocks and navigate emotional upheavals with more confidence. Bonus: you'll also practice a proven workplace activity to boost EQ across your team. *This program is valid for 2.5 PDCs for the SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP®.*

1/15	Thu 9 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19553	Location: CE	\$149
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new Mindful, Calm, and Clear: Emotional Intelligence for Stress Reduction

Do you experience stress, overwhelm, or exhaustion? Then this is for you. We look at what happens in our bodies and emotions under stress. Next, we'll get up close with our stress and identify real, proven, practical strategies to thrive—even with it. Next, we build our own definitions of resilience. We will play with and deepen our mindfulness. Last, we will look at the common components, warning signs, and how to recover from the growing epidemic of burnout. *This program is valid for 2.5 PDCs for the SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP®.*

1/23	Fri 9 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19554	Location: CE	\$149
3/12	Thu 9 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19556	Location: CE	\$149

new Workplace EQ: Building Trust and Boundaries for Success

This course is designed for professionals who want more than just a paycheck from their work—they want purpose, connection, and growth. Together, we'll harness the power of storytelling and emotional intelligence to strengthen communication, build trust, and create reliable relationships. Explore a practical framework to identify the support systems needed to thrive, deepen their understanding of psychological safety and its role in workplace connection, and develop assertive communication skills to set healthy boundaries around common challenges like negativity, blame, and drama. *This program is valid for 2.5 PDCs for the SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP®.*

2/12	Thu 9 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19555	Location: CE	\$149
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new EQ for Authentic Leadership

Authentic leadership starts with knowing yourself. Uncover your personal values, emotional triggers, and unique strengths so you can show up consistently and confidently at work. Through guided reflection and practical exercises, you'll learn how to become a grounded decision maker—building credibility, clarity, and trust with your team. *This program is valid for 2.5 PDCs for the SHRM-CP® or SHRM-SCP®.*

3/26	Thu 9 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19557	Location: CE	\$149
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Developing the Leader Within You and Around You **\$796**

Leadership starts from within. Before you can lead others, you must first know how to lead yourself. And leading yourself starts with knowing yourself. How well do you know yourself? Do you know the value you bring and how you uniquely contribute to your organization or company as a leader? Join Sparkle Sanders for this four-part series designed to give you the confidence, clarity and comfortability you need to not only carry out your role, but to thrive in it. Courses can be taken individually or as a part of the whole series.

new Where's the Confidence? 3 Keys to Becoming a Confident Leader

As a leader, do you struggle with “imposter syndrome”? Have you felt like you can never do anything right? Do you constantly doubt yourself and feel like throwing in the towel? Don't give up just yet! The secret to excelling and persevering as a leader is confidence. In this session, you will learn three key strategies that will help you increase your level of self-awareness and capacity; celebrate your strengths, “sweet spots” and values; and embrace your leadership and personality style. The session will be two-fold: you'll spend time learning the concepts and then applying them to your leadership.

3/3 Tue 10–11:30 AM Class ID: 19548 Location: CE \$199

new Start With Why: Part 1 - Creating a Vision for Your Leadership

Vision is everything. It's your “why” and foundation for not only how you lead, but why you lead. Have you become stagnant in your leadership? Are you looking for a fresh perspective and new way to become engaged, excited, and connected to your team and work? Let's talk vision! In this power-packed session, discover the importance of creating, knowing, and communicating your leadership vision. Specifically, you will learn the components of vision and how to create a vision for your leadership.

3/24 Tue 10–11:30 AM Class ID: 19549 Location: CE \$199

new Start with Why: Part 2 - Implementing Your Leadership Vision

Now that you've discovered your leadership vision, learn how to communicate, set expectations for, and carry out it out within your team and throughout your organization. In this follow-up session, you will discuss and learn how to communicate and lead others to your vision, how to get others to buy-in to your vision, and how to own, take accountability for, and drive your vision as you continue lead. The session will be two-fold: you'll spend time learning the concepts and then applying them to your leadership.

4/7 Tue 10–11:30 AM Class ID: 19550 Location: CE \$199

new Have a Heart for It: Staying Inspired, Engaged, and Connected to Your Team

In a world full of distractions, it's easy to feel disconnected and pulled away from your work and team. With so many things vying for your attention, how do you stay engaged with your staff? How do you remain connected to them even with remote and hybrid work schedules? What does it look like to foster relationships and keep them inspired on the toughest of days? Discover the answers to these questions and more during this session! You'll gain a better understanding of:

- What truly motivates and inspires staff
- How to use this to build and stay connected to your team
- How to keep motivation and engagement going as a leader
- How to lead from a heartfelt place
- How to serve people, not just lead them

The session will be two-fold: you'll spend time learning the concepts and then applying them to your leadership.

4/21 Tue 10–11:30 AM Class ID: 19551 Location: CE \$199

Leading EDGE Certificate Series

You can be a leader, regardless of your title or role. Join your colleagues and other professionals for tips and strategies designed to improve and develop the skills of extraordinary leaders. Discover the importance of communication style, the basic principles for success, time and priority management skills, and techniques for giving and receiving feedback, mastering conflict, delegating, and more.

This 12-course series offered January–December, will help you build extraordinary leadership skills. To qualify for the certificate, you must complete a minimum of 44 hours consisting of 5 required courses AND at least 6 of 7 electives. **Denotes required course.*

Communicating for Superior Teamwork: Managing Your Communication Style*

Organizations need to find ways to work smarter and faster, relying more on the team's knowledge, skills, teamwork, and effective communication. What is the secret to helping teams perform at their best? The leader. Their knowledge, skills, and abilities can transform an acceptable team into an exceptional one. Using the DiSC Classic 2.0 profile, gain a better understanding of communication styles while expanding opportunities for team building. *Online assessment must be completed one week before the class start date.*

1/21	Wed 8 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19306
Location: CE		\$299
1/28	Wed 8 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19307
Location: CE		\$299
1/29	Thu 1–5 PM	Class ID: 19308
Location: CE		\$299

Principles of Authentic Leadership*

Authentic leadership is a powerful force that will help shape an organization's sustained success. Learn to demonstrate the five core leadership qualities to be your best and empower your team. You will also discover the principles for communicating effectively, providing open and honest feedback, and inspiring passion and confidence within your teams.

2/18	Wed 8 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19309
Location: CE		\$299
2/19	Thu 1–5 PM	Class ID: 19339
Location: CE		\$299
2/25	Wed 8 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19310
Location: CE		\$299

Communication Excellence: Managing Performance with DiSC*

Using the Everything DiSC Workplace profile, explore the difference between your primary communication style and your leadership style. You will take a closer look into the dynamics of teams and gain actionable insights into the leader's responsibilities for adjusting your communication delivery to meet team member needs and preferences. *Online assessment must be completed one week before the class start date.*

3/18	Wed 8 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19311
Location: CE		\$299
3/25	Wed 8 AM–12 PM	Class ID: 19312
Location: CE		\$299
3/26	Thu 1–5 PM	Class ID: 19313
Location: CE		\$299



career training

The Travel Lab: Ultimate Course to Becoming a Travel Agent

Whether you are a newcomer to the travel industry or an experienced agent struggling to find success, this comprehensive course will help you build a thriving travel business. Tuition includes access to course curriculum, videos, twice-monthly live mentoring calls, and travel agency community access for one year. Led by award-winning travel agent Jennifer Wayland, who has more than 25 years of industry experience, this course will guide you through the essential aspects of becoming a successful travel agent. By the end of the course, you'll have the knowledge and tools to create a turnkey travel business marketing system. This course isn't just about learning; it's about empowering you to make your mark in the travel industry.

1/1–3/31 Class ID: 19544 ONLINE \$695

new Podcasting 101: How to Launch Your Dream Podcast

Ready to start your own podcast but not sure where to begin? Podcasting 101 is the perfect course for beginners who want to dive into the world of podcasting. In this course, you'll learn: what equipment you need to purchase, from microphones to audio interfaces, how to operate and set up your equipment for professional-quality sound, an overview of editing software options and tips to streamline your editing process, how to upload and distribute your podcast using an RSS feed to multiple platforms, and ensuring your content reaches as many listeners as possible. By the end of this course, you'll have the knowledge and confidence to launch your podcast and start sharing your voice with the world.

1/12 Mon 5–8 PM Class ID: 19536
Location: CE \$145

new Getting Started in Voice-Over

This class is for both beginners and experienced actors eager to explore the voice-over industry. The course focuses on the core elements of voice-over work, with less emphasis on acting. You'll discover the various types of voice-over work, including commercials, corporate narration, audiobooks, and more. In addition, you'll gain valuable insights into the business side of the industry, such as setting up a home studio, leveraging technology, finding opportunities, and marketing yourself as a voice-over artist.

1/14	Wed 6–8 PM	Class ID: 19537
Location: CE		\$125
3/19	Thu 6–8 PM	Class ID: 19538
Location: CE		\$125

National Green Infrastructure Certification Program

Expand your skills and knowledge of building, inspecting, and maintaining green infrastructure. The National Green Infrastructure Certification Program (NGICP) provides the base-level skill set needed for entry-level workers to properly construct, inspect, and maintain green stormwater infrastructure (GI). Landscaping, city planning, public works, and stormwater management can benefit from the knowledge and skills to ensure GI projects are installed and maintained properly to support long-term performance and a positive impact on communities. Here are some benefits of becoming certified:

- Increase your competitiveness in the job market
- Provide a pathway to higher-paying positions
- Demonstrate a commitment to supporting the sustainable performance of GI practices
- Gain exposure to employers looking to hire skilled GI workers through the NGICP database

Registration details are available online.

1/8–2/5	Thu 12:30–2:30 PM	Class ID: 19535
ONLINE		\$499

real estate

To qualify for an Illinois real estate broker's license, individuals must meet all of the following requirements:

- At least 18 years old
- High school diploma or equivalent (GED)
- Successfully completed the required curriculum of 75 class hours of pre-license education at a real estate school approved by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in the following manner:
 - Real Estate Broker Topics (60 hours)
 - Broker Pre-License Applied Real Estate Principles—Interactive (15 hours)

Section 5-27(a)(5) of the Real Estate License Act of 2000 requires an applicant for licensure as a broker to provide satisfactory evidence of having completed 75 hours of instruction in real estate courses approved by the department, 15 hours of which must consist of situational and case studies presented in the classroom or by live, interactive webinar or online distance education.

Questions regarding license application or information concerning licensure requirements should be directed to the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation at idfpr.com.

A payment plan is available. Contact us before enrolling to set up your payment plan: 217/351-2235 or communityeducation@parkland.edu.

If you believe you have a disability for which you may need an accommodation (use of assistive technology or other classroom assistance), please contact the Office of Accessibility Services, Parkland College room U260, 217/353-2338 or accessibilityservices@parkland.edu.

Reimbursement scholarship opportunity for active military service, and their spouses through REEF. Details online.

Sponsored by Illinois REALTORS®.

Broker's Pre-License Topics 513001835

This course reflects the most recent legislative changes and practices in Illinois. Learn the principles of real property law, interests, and forms of ownership. Discover how contract agreements are entered into, executed, and closed for a handsome payday. From taxes to property management to financing and appraisal, this course covers it all. Applying the principles from the industry's most recognized publication, *Modern Real Estate Practice*, you will be prepared for the licensing exam and create a solid foundation for a career in real estate. Gain everything you need to become regulation compliant in Illinois. *Textbook REQUIRED, not included. Register by January 9 to receive a \$50 discount.*

1/26-4/8 Mon & Wed 6-9 PM, no class 3/16 & 3/18 Class ID: 19539 Location: CE \$1,250

Broker's Pre-License Principles 513001606

Fulfill 15 of the 75 hours of pre-license education with this state-approved course. Apply what you learned in the 60-hour Broker's Pre-License Topics, practice dealing with buyers and sellers in a safe environment using the laws and rules reviewed in Broker's Pre-License Topics, and gain insight into the proper application of the laws and rules. *Prerequisite: Broker's Pre-License Topics. Register by March 30 to receive a \$50 discount.*

4/13-4/27 Mon & Wed 6-9 PM Class ID: 19540 Location: CE \$299



Fiber Optics Technician **\$3,235**

In partnership with BDI DataLynk, we offer three individual courses that teach the necessary skills to build, test, troubleshoot, install, and repair fiber optic networks and prepare you to take the CFOT (Certified Fiber Optics Technician) exam, the CFOS/T (Certified Fiber Optics Testing & Maintenance Specialist) exam, and the CFOS/S (Certified Fiber Optics Splicing Specialist) exam. All training course exams are given and graded on the final day of class. You will receive a certificate of completion upon successful completion of the program. The format of the course involves chapter tests, class discussions, and hands-on activities and exercises.

Certified Fiber Optics Technician (CFOT)

Recognized by the US Department of Labor and sanctioned by the Fiber Optic Association (FOA), this introductory course is for anyone interested in learning basic fiber optic networking and becoming certified. Through a combination of theory and hands-on activities, you'll be prepared to take the CFOT Exam, given and graded on the final day of class. You will be introduced to industry standards governing fiber to the desk (FTTD), fiber to the home (FTTH), LAN/WAN fiber networks, and basic fusion and mechanical splicing. You will learn how to identify fiber types; recognize various connectors used in fiber installation; and install, terminate, splice, and properly test installed fiber cables. Explore the history and future of fiber optics, fiber optic capabilities, and installation costs. Standards covered are NECA/FOA-301-2004, EIA/TIA 568-B.3, ANSI/TIA/EIA 607-A, and NEC Article 770-50.

3/9-3/11 Mon, Tue 8 AM-5 PM & Wed 8 AM-12 PM Class ID: 19545 Location: CE \$1,145

Certified Fiber Optics Testing & Maintenance Specialist (CFOS/T)

Discover a general, easy-to-understand approach to fiber optics testing standards with little theory and many hands-on activities. Decipher the variety of testing standards, equipment, and technological techniques used in fiber network testing and splicing and how to choose among them. Explore the overall spectrum of testing and maintenance of single-mode and multimode fiber optics networks in this hands-on class that provides an overview and demonstration of various types of equipment used in testing and maintenance. Topics include a detailed study of ANSI/TIA/EIA-526-14(7)A, OTDR fundamentals and uses, OTDR versus insertion loss testing, return loss testing, and attenuation testing using the power source and light meter. *Prerequisite: Within the preceding 12 months, you MUST have passed the basic fiber optics training or CFOT Exam or renewed your FOA membership before attending. There are no exceptions.*

3/11-3/12 Wed 1-5 PM & Thu 8 AM-5 PM Class ID: 19546 Location: CE \$1,045

Certified Fiber Optics Specialist in Splicing (CFOS/S)

This eight-hour advanced specialist fiber optic training includes an in-depth presentation explaining the importance of high-performance splicing and details the points necessary for achieving these splices. An overview of OTDR functions and trace understanding is also provided. You will receive training in both fusion and mechanical splicing of either single-mode or multimode fiber optic cables in hands-on activities. Inside or outside plant fiber optic cable types may be used along with fiber optic enclosures and splice trays. You will be responsible for making and testing mechanical and fusion splices. In addition, you will be required to efficiently install spliced fibers into splice trays and enclosures. You will also be required to achieve a splice loss of less than 0.15 dB for all splices and demonstrate proficiency in interpreting splice loss using OTDR splice traces. *Prerequisite: Within the preceding 12 months, you MUST have passed the basic fiber optics training or CFOT Exam or renewed your FOA membership before attending. There are no exceptions.*

3/13 Fri 8 AM-5 PM Class ID: 19547 Location: CE \$1,045

Food Protection Manager Certification

Previously referred to as the Food Service Sanitation Manager Certification, this program meets the eight-hour course and exam requirements by the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Certified Food Protection Manager Certification. Prepare to take the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification Exam and cover the following topics:

- Preventing cross-contamination
- Cleaning and sanitizing
- Safe food preparation
- Receiving and storing food
- Methods of thawing, cooking, cooling, and reheating food
- HACCP (hazard analysis and critical control points)
- Food safety regulations

The course and exam are administered through ServSafe and are administered by the National Restaurant Association. Exams can be taken in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Canadian French. The course is taught in English.

12/15	Mon 8 AM–5 PM	Class ID: 17755	Location: CE	\$229
1/26	Mon 8 AM–5 PM	Class ID: 19520	Location: CE	\$229
3/30	Mon 8 AM–5 PM	Class ID: 19521	Location: CE	\$229

Truck Driving (CDL)

Train to earn your commercial driver's license and prepare for a career in the trucking industry. More than 300,000 truck driving jobs are now available in the United States. Entry-level truck drivers have the potential to earn \$48,000 to \$72,000 annually. This course is for those with little or no commercial driving experience. Learn and understand everything you need to earn a CDL. Earn your CDL learner's permit after the first week of class as you learn DOT rules, regulations, and logbook requirements. The remaining weeks focus on behind-the-wheel driver training. The total program is 160 hours. Our team works with trucking industry partners to assist you with job placement.

Funding opportunities are available from Support for Workforce Training (SWFT) at 217/353-2150, parkland.edu/SWFT, or Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) at 217/351-8282.

Course fees include your physical, drug screening, permit, and Secretary of State test. Call 877/350-0884 for an appointment.

Classes start every month. \$5,495

Freight Broker/Agent Training

Start your career as a freight broker or agent. This course provides you with the comprehensive skills needed to build a successful freight brokerage or begin working for a broker. Learn the foundational aspects of brokering shipments—from laws and terminology to valuable tools and software. You will also learn how to set up your freight brokerage business and manage contracts and forms as well as how to find shippers and do ratings. This combined freight broker and freight agent training will help you gain the knowledge, insight, and direction to stand out in this growing industry. After completing this course, you will understand the steps of setting up carrier and shipper packets and contracts, marketing and advertising avenues, rate quotes, how to interact with shippers and carriers to keep lines of communication open, and valuable negotiation skills needed as a freight broker or agent. Register and pay at careertraining.parkland.edu.

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration \$2,085

Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) for Hazardous Materials

Truck drivers with their CDLs are in-demand in the trucking industry, and being able to transport hazardous materials is a specialized driver credential that can result in more opportunities and higher pay. This course was created in collaboration with an approved training provider listed on Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)'s Training Provider Registry (TPR). This hazmat course is for commercial motor vehicle drivers seeking hazardous materials (H) endorsement to their CDLs. After you complete this course, our system will automatically upload your ELDT records to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) TPR, and you can take your state's hazmat knowledge test. This test is usually administered at the state motor vehicle office. Note: There are no refunds for this course. This course is excluded from standard refund policies. Once access is provided to the course, no refunds will be allowed. Register and pay at careertraining.parkland.edu.

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration \$195

UAS Certification Exam Prep

Get licensed to fly drones commercially! Take your business to new heights and discover new opportunities through commercial drone use. Drones' safety, efficiency, and cost benefits make them increasingly attractive for a range of business and government functions: marketing, agriculture, real estate, media, special events, and inspections. The Federal Aviation Administration requires drone operators to pass a UAS (unmanned aerial system) aeronautical knowledge test in order to fly drones commercially. Discover what UAS operators need to know about regulations, airspace, weather, and more. *For an additional \$175, you may also register to take the FAA certification written exam. Instructions on registering for the FAA exam will be emailed.*

1/29–1/30 Thu 8 AM–5 PM & Fri 8–11 AM
Class ID: 19541 Location: CE \$429

HVAC Troubleshooting and EPA 608 Certification

Technician certification and servicing for types I, II, and III under EPA regulations. EPA Section 608 of the Federal Clean Air Act requires that all persons who maintain, service, repair, or dispose of appliances that contain regulated refrigerants be certified in proper refrigerant handling techniques. Learn electricity fundamentals and safety requirements to service HVAC systems. Includes hands-on practical exercises and tests.

1/5–2/11 Mon & Wed 8–10 AM, no class 1/19
Class ID: 19230 Location: PC-M133 & M135 \$795



Construction Skills: HCCTP Apprenticeship Readiness Program

Build a better future—literally. The Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) is your pathway into the high-demand world of skilled construction trades. Whether you see yourself operating heavy machinery, laying concrete foundations, or installing electrical systems, HCCTP prepares you for a rewarding career with excellent wages, health care, and retirement benefits.

This intensive pre-apprenticeship program is offered twice a year: a 12-week spring session and a 16-week fall session (times are approximate). You will receive hands-on training that prepares you for registered trade apprenticeships where you can earn while you learn. Gain essential construction skills, earn industry-recognized certifications, and build confidence to succeed in the trades.

This pre-apprenticeship program covers these areas:

- Trades-focused math instruction
- OSHA-30 certification
- First aid and CPR training
- Job readiness and career coaching
- Tool safety and proper use
- Introduction to welding
- Basics of heavy equipment operation

We are committed to growing a strong, inclusive workforce. Cost: None. This program is funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- High school diploma or GED
- Valid driver's license
- Ability to pass reading and math assessments
- Must pass drug testing before and during the program

The first step is to register and attend a FREE informational orientation. Upcoming dates and registration at parkland.edu/HCCTP.

4/27	Mon 10–11 AM	Class ID: 19915	Location: CE
4/27	Mon 12–1 PM	Class ID: 19916	Location: CE
4/29	Wed 9:30–10:30 AM	Class ID: 19917	Location: CE
4/29	Wed 12:30–1:30 PM	Class ID: 19918	Location: CE
4/29	Wed 3–4 PM	Class ID: 19919	Location: CE



health

Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR: Instructor-Led

During this instructor-led, hands-on class, you will learn to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations, and provide early use of an AED. Upon completion, you will be issued an American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course Completion Card. The BLS course is for healthcare providers and other personnel who need to know how to perform CPR and other basic cardiovascular life support skills in a variety of in-facility and prehospital settings.

Your CPR card is valid for two years. It typically takes two to three weeks to process your card. Your instructor may provide a temporary card upon completion.

Classes held at Community Education, \$149 each.

1/10	Sat 8 AM–12:30 PM	Class ID: 19526
2/14	Sat 8 AM–12:30 PM	Class ID: 19527
3/7	Sat 8 AM–12:30 PM	Class ID: 19528



Instructors Wanted!

Get paid for sharing what you love to do. We are looking for those with a passion for learning who are willing to share their knowledge with others. Flexible hours. \$25/hour and up. Contact us at communityeducation@parkland.edu or 217/351-2235.

- Arts and Crafts
- Painting and Drawing
- Home and Garden
- Culinary
- History
- Technology
- Professional Development
- Career Training
- Youth

Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR: Blended Learning

Learn to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations, and provide early use of an AED. Upon completion, you will be issued an American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course Completion Card. During the blended learning course format, complete HeartCode BLS online coursework before attending a live instructor-led hands-on session that focuses on skills practice, team scenarios, and skills testing. The online portion can be completed in one to two hours, and the hands-on skills sessions can be completed in one hour.

You must complete HeartCode BLS at onlineaha.org, print your certificate of completion, and bring it to class. The fee is an additional \$38 (to be paid online). Your CPR card is valid for two years. It typically takes two to three weeks to process your card. Your instructor may provide a temporary card upon completion.

Classes held at Community Education, \$149 each.

1/22	Thu 5:30–6:30 PM	Class ID: 19529
1/22	Thu 7–8 PM	Class ID: 19530
2/23	Mon 5:30–6:30 PM	Class ID: 19531
2/23	Mon 7–8 PM	Class ID: 19532
3/18	Wed 5:30–6:30 PM	Class ID: 19533
3/18	Wed 7–8 PM	Class ID: 19534



Behavior & Psychiatric Health Technician

Behavioral and psychiatric health technicians are excellent listeners who possess strong observational skills and a solid understanding of what it takes to treat individuals with behavioral disorders. Here's a snapshot of what their day-to-day might look like:

- Evaluating clients' mental and physical health, addiction, or problematic behavior
- Assessing patients' readiness for treatment
- Developing, recommending, and reviewing treatment goals and plans with clients and their families
- Assisting patients in developing skills and behaviors necessary to recover from their addiction
- Working with clients to identify behaviors or situations that interfere with their recovery
- Teaching clients' family members about addiction

Register and pay online at careerstep.com/lp/partner/ap/behavioral-psychiatric-health-technicianparkland

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

Class ID: 19580 \$4,099

Medical Coding and Billing Professional

Designed by experts, our online Medical Coding and Billing Professional Program is aligned with career-focused skills that can help you become a successful medical billing and coding professional. Your program also prepares you to sit for the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) Certified Professional Coder (CPC) Exam, which can help you stand out to employers! Additionally, the AAPC's Practicode course and AAPC membership are included with your program. Foundations in HIM: Gain a thorough understanding of health information management (HIM), how medical coding fits into health care, and various reimbursement methods. Biomedical Sciences: Learn the medical terminology, anatomy, and physiology needed for correctly assigning billing codes to patient procedures and diagnoses. Medical Record Coding: Learn the current medical code sets and get hands-on experience with 3M encoding software as you practice with actual medical records.

Register online at careerstep.com/lp/partner/ap/medical-coding-billing-for-outpatient-services/parkland/

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

Class ID: 19581 \$3,699

Pharmacy Technician

Your pharmacy technician training will prepare you to work under the guidance of a pharmacist. You'll be a crucial member of the team and a critical part of keeping the pharmacy running smoothly. A day in your new life may include the following:

- Verify prescription information and dosage
- Assist in formulating, labeling, and dispensing medications
- Enter patient and order information into the computer system
- Create and update patient profiles
- Process and submit insurance claims
- Provide quality customer service to patients and health care providers

You could take on more responsibilities over time, including offering flu shots or taking a more active role with patient consultations.

Register and pay online at careerstep.com/lp/partner/ap/pharmacy-technician-ashp/parkland/

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

Class ID: 19582 \$3,899

Phlebotomy Technician

Our phlebotomy technician program was developed by medical professionals with years of healthcare experience. Our elite online coursework is reverse engineered from the industry's leading validation, the Certified Phlebotomy Technician (CPT) credential from the National Healthcareer Association. Our program's comprehensive training infuses you with the knowledge and simulation experience you need to be prepared to pass the test and add the prestigious credential to your resume. Rich and visual course materials include images, learning games, and highly interactive simulations to help you quickly comprehend—and succeed. The goal of our phlebotomy technician program is to position you—immediately upon completion—to start working in the field of phlebotomy. A 40-hour externship experience is included with your training, so you can earn clinical hours and get valuable hands-on experience. Remember that clinical opportunities vary, and we work with a vast network of healthcare organizations to find a good fit. We can't guarantee placement—or employment—in your area.

Register online at careerstep.com/lp/partner/ap/phlebotomy-technician/parkland/

ONLINE, self-paced; begin upon registration

Class ID: 19583 \$1,899

parkland presents

theatre

Romeo and Juliet

February 26–28 and March 6–7 at 7:30 pm
March 1 and 8 at 3 pm

Written by William Shakespeare

Directed by Amy Penne

Rating: Teen

Anastasia

April 9–11, 17–18, and 24–25 at 7:30 pm
April 19 and 26 at 3 pm

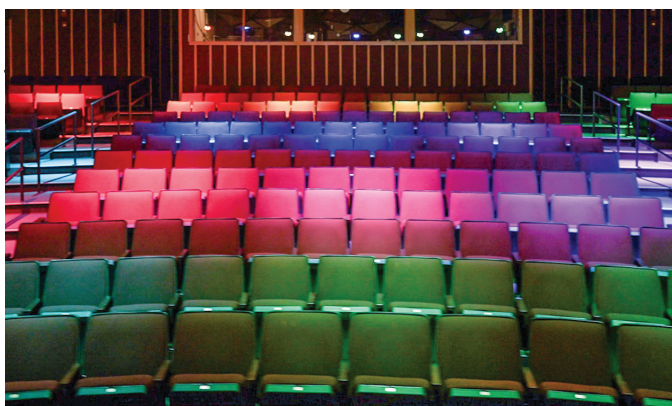
Book by Terrence McNally

Directed by Abby Gailey

Rating: Teen

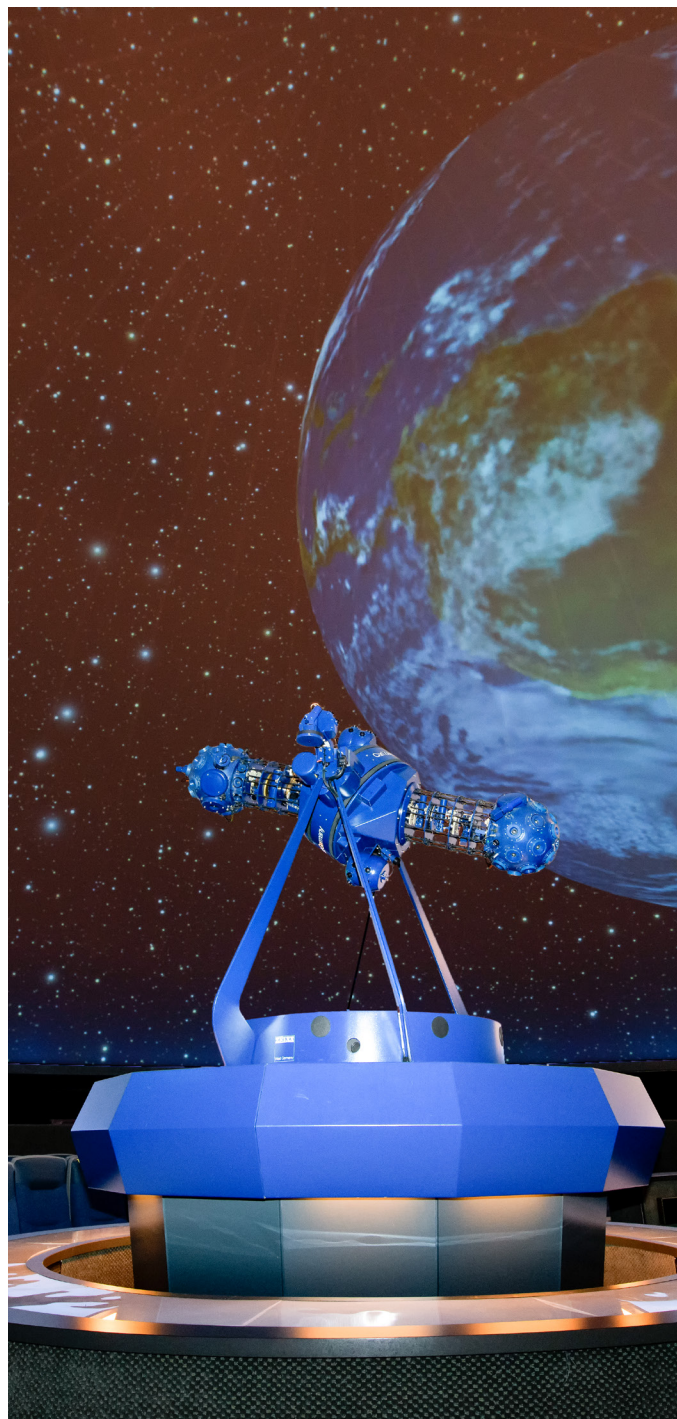
Purchase tickets at tickets.parkland.edu.

For more information about our shows, visit
parkland.edu/theatre.



Become a Friend of Parkland Theatre

Your donations help us to continue to provide high-quality productions. For more information, visit parkland.edu/theatre-howtogive.



William M. Staerkel Planetarium

The William M. Staerkel Planetarium is the second-largest planetarium in Illinois. The Digistar 6 planetarium projection system transforms the 50-foot dome ceiling into an immersive virtual environment.

The planetarium hosts numerous shows, programs, and special events. Call our show hotline at 217/351-2446 or visit parkland.edu/planetarium.

- Open weekdays for school and private groups. Virtual shows, sensory-friendly shows, and Spanish-language shows available. Reservations required.
- Public presentations on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Tickets \$7–8 sold online or at the door.
- Join the Friends of the Staerkel Planetarium (FOSP) and see FREE shows for a year.
- Teachers, book your field trip with us! Find a complete list of school programs by grade level, plus activities for before or after your visit, including links to the NGSS. Contact us at 217/351-2568 to set up your field trip!
- Book a unique rental space for birthday parties, weddings, and other private events under the stars.
- Join the Galaxy Club: Kids get a stamp card and begin to earn free admission to a show.
- Rent-a-Scope: 10-inch Dobsonian or Astroscan telescopes. \$10/night or \$15/weekend.

Spring program schedule

Prairie Skies: Most Fridays at 7 pm

The Hot and Energetic Universe: Fridays at 8 pm and Saturdays at 2 pm in January

Beyond the Sun: Saturday at 1 pm in January

Expedition Reef: Fridays at 8 pm and Saturdays at 2 pm in February

Cosmic Colors: Saturdays at 1 pm in February

Out There: The Quest for Extrasolar Worlds: Fridays at 8 pm and Saturdays at 2 pm in March

Flight Adventures: Saturdays at 1 pm in March

Holiday show schedule

Public shows resume on January 9. Matinéés play on Presidents Day, February 16, and during spring break on March 19. Shows will not be held on March 20 and March 21 for spring break.

Sensory-friendly matinées

The Staerkel Planetarium offers programs with sensory-friendly settings on selected dates. Sensory-friendly shows have “lights up, sound down” settings and a relaxed atmosphere where patrons can come, go, and move around as needed. Sensory-friendly shows are great for guests with autism spectrum disorder, sensory sensitivities, or young children.

James B. Kaler Science Lecture Series

Mainstream science from the laboratory to you. On the first Friday of each month that school is in session, the planetarium welcomes a scientist from the community into the dome to share their expertise. Past topics include geothermal energy, entomology, and fish behavior. Visit planetarium.parkland.edu for the schedule and speakers. All talks are at 7 pm and tickets are \$2 at the door.

Listen to Pink Floyd in the dome!

Enjoy a fulldome film set to the album, *The Dark Side of the Moon* each month. Please note that these aren’t for those with motion sickness! Tickets are \$12 for everyone. Check planetarium.parkland.edu for show times.

See the Real Sky

Join members of the C-U Astronomical Society at their rural observatory for a peek at the real sky. See the stars and planets through the many telescopes on site. These observing events are scheduled near the first quarter Moon phase starting in March and are weather permitting. Location: CUAS Observatory, County Road 700E, south of Monticello Road, southwest of Champaign. Visit cuas.org for directions.

Giertz Gallery

Giertz Gallery at Parkland College serves as a platform to exhibit contemporary art. As a learning lab that fosters critical thought and discussion through the visual arts, we also serve as a cultural hub for our community. As a quiet space on campus, we emphasize a genuine connection between the artwork and the viewer, fostering a deeper understanding of oneself and the arts. Through our additional programming, including workshops and lectures, participants can experience the artwork in person and hear artists speak about their process, their career, and their artistic journey.

Visit our website to learn about our current opportunities and events, connect with us through Facebook and Instagram, or join our email list for additional programming and up-to-date information.

For more information, visit parkland.edu/gallery or email us at giertzgallery@parkland.edu.

Ceramics Biennial

Monday, November 17–Saturday, February 7

Curated by Tyler Lotz and Albion Stafford

Reception: Thursday, November 20, 5:30–7:30 PM,

Gallery Talk at 6:15 PM by Lotz and Stafford

Additional artist talks to be announced

Togetherness: A Group Exhibition

Monday, February 16–Tuesday, March 31

Curated by Tyler Lotz and Albion Stafford

Reception: Thursday, February 19, 5:30–7 PM,

Gallery Talk at 6:15 PM



Keith Simpson, *Voxel Grotto*, Stoneware and polychrome glaze, 16 x 10 x 9 inches, 2025

Spring Gallery Hours:

Monday–Wednesday: 10 am–5 pm

Thursday: 10 am–7 pm

Saturday: 12–2 pm

Closed December 15–January 10; January 19,

February 26, March 16–21.

We close for installation between exhibitions. For more information, please visit our website at parkland.edu/gallery or call the gallery office at 217/351-2485.

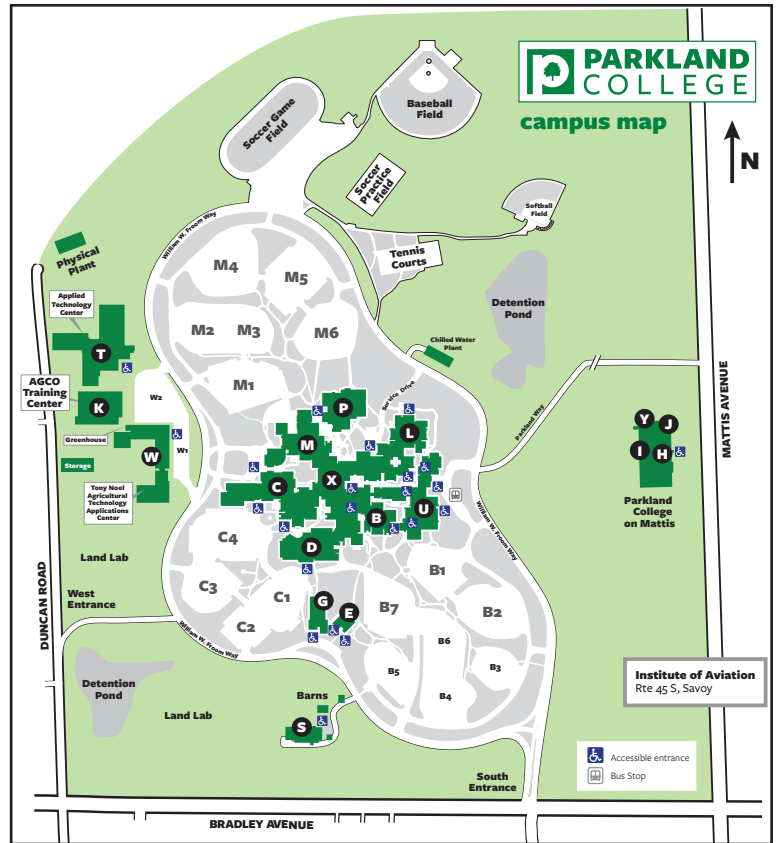


Giertz Gallery acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

All events in the accessible gallery are free and open to the public. Parkland College is a section 504/ADA-compliant institution. For accommodations, call 217/353-2338 or email accessibilityservices@parkland.edu.

Parkland College Campus Map

- A** Business Office, Public Safety, Human Resources
 - B** Business/Computer Science and Technologies Department
 - C** Fine and Applied Arts Department, Humanities Department
 - D** Adult Education/Literacy Center, Campus Technologies, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Computer Technology Center, Conference Center, Learning Support Division, Photography and Graphic Design, Social Sciences and Human Services Department, Support for Workforce Training (SWFT)
 - G** Child Development Center
 - K** AGCO Service Technician Training Center
 - L** Health Professions Division
 - M** Career and Technical Education Division
 - P** Donald C. Dodds, Jr. Athletic Center (Athletics, Fitness Center, Gymnasium)
 - R** Learning Commons/Library (above X)
 - T** Parkhill Applied Technology Center (Agricultural/Engineering Science and Technologies Department)
 - U** Student Union (Accessibility Services, Administrative Offices, Admissions and Records, Assessment Center, Bookstore, Cafeteria, Cashier Office, Counseling Services, Dean of Enrollment Management, Dean of Students, Dean of Counseling Services, Early College Services, Financial Aid and Veteran Services, Foundation, Grants and Contracts, Institutional Accountability and Research, Student Life, TRiO/Student Support Services, Wellness Center)
 - W** Tony Noel Agricultural Technology Applications Center (Diesel Power Equipment Technology, Prairie Gardens Plant, Lab/Greenhouse Complex)
 - X** Arts and Sciences Division, College Center, Educational Video Center, Giertz Gallery, Mathematics Department, Natural Sciences Department, PCTV, WPCD
- Parkland College on Mattis** — Community Education (**J**), Construction Education Alliance (**Y**), Health Professions (**H**), Workforce Development (**I**)
- Institute of Aviation** at Willard Airport, Savoy
- Accessibility** Location of mechanical doors: • Entrance X-2 southwest of B wing, between B and X • Southwest entrance to C wing • West entrance to D wing North entrance to M wing • West entrance to P wing • Door to A wing lobby • East entrances to U wing



Visit parkland.edu/maps for more information.



REGISTER NOW!

How to Register

4 Easy Ways to Register

Many classes have limited seating. Register early!

1. Online

Use your computer, tablet, or phone to register online, 24 hours a day!

Go to parkland.edu/enrollCE

2. In Person

Community Education

1315 N. Mattis Ave., Champaign

Mon–Fri, 8 AM–5 PM, except major holidays

CLOSED: Dec 24–Jan 2, Jan 19, Feb 26, and Mar 20

3. Mail

Parkland College Community Education

1315 N. Mattis Ave.

Champaign, IL 61821

- Fill out the enclosed enrollment form and include payment (credit/debit card number or enclose check).
- Make check payable to Parkland College.

4. Phone

217/351-2235

Payment

- Payment is due at the time of registration.
- Acceptable forms of payment are Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, check, money order, and cash.
- Payment by your company must be authorized on your account.

Refunds

- A credit or refund is available if Parkland College cancels a class.
- To cancel your registration before a class starts, please call 217/351-2235.
- Refunds will be issued to students who cancel the class at least one business day prior to the class start date, unless otherwise noted.
- No refunds will be issued for classes canceled on or after the class start date.

Location

Please note the location of your class. Classes are held at Parkland College, online, and offsite locations.

Accessibility Statement

If you believe you have a disability for which you may need an accommodation (i.e. use of assistive technology or other classroom assistance), please contact Accessibility Services, Parkland College, room U260, 217/353-2338 or accessibilityservices@parkland.edu.

Corporate Clients

Let us customize classes at your location or ours at times that best fit your needs. Contact Dave Webb 217/351-2235 or at communityeducation@parkland.edu.

100% Satisfaction Guarantee

If you are not completely satisfied with your class or experience, we will gladly enroll you in a course of equal value. You may also request a full refund by contacting our office within 10 business days of course completion at 217/351-2235.



Scan the QR code or use your computer, tablet, or phone to register online:
parkland.edu/enrollCE

Parkland College ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, gender expression, disability, sexual orientation, veteran/Vietnam veteran era, age, or religion, and is Section 504/ADA compliant. For additional information or accommodations, call 217/351-2551.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly. Missing information will delay your registration.

1 ADULT PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name

First Last Middle initial

Mailing address

Street/Apartment/Unit# City State ZIP code

Telephone

Home Work Mobile

Birthdate Email

Employer Job title

2 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Class ID	Class title	Fee	First and last name	Sex M/F	Birthdate mm/dd/yy	Shirt size (if applies)
Total payment		\$				

3 PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment type: ☐ Cash (do not mail cash) ☐ Check (payable to Parkland College)

Credit card ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit card # 3-4-digit CCID# Expiration date

Cardholder signature

4 CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS

To cancel your registration before a class starts, please call 217/351-2235. No refund or credit will be issued for classes canceled on or after the class start date. Refunds will be issued to students who cancel the class at least one business day prior to the class start date, unless otherwise noted.

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5 SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGY INFORMATION

If any participant has special needs or allergies, please indicate. (Attach list for multiple participants.)

Name: _____

Allergies: _____

Special needs: _____

Please understand we ask this information to provide the best service possible. We will limit this information to necessary staff only.

6 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (REQUIRED for youth programs and trips)

Participant #1: _____

Contact: _____ Contact phone: _____

Participant #2: _____

Contact: _____ Contact phone: _____

7 WAIVER AND RELEASE (REQUIRED)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parkland College holds the safety of its students in high regard and is committed to conducting Community Education courses in a safe manner. Parkland College continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all students follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to ensure everyone's safety. However, students must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate.

WARNING OF RISK

Community Education courses are intended to challenge and engage the student. Depending on the particular activity, students must understand that certain inherent risks always exist. Despite careful and proper preparation of instructors, there is still a risk when participating in courses. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for Parkland College to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I understand that there may be certain risks of physical injury, damage or loss which I and/or my dependents may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities associated with Parkland College courses offered by Community Education. In registering and participating in these courses, I expressly assume the risk and legal liability, waiving and releasing all claims for risk connected with said courses. Furthermore, I grant Parkland College and PCTV permission to record and/or photograph myself or my dependents for future promotion. In addition, I understand that there will be no refunds for classes canceled due to severe weather conditions, power outages, or situations that may affect the safety of the program or Parkland College.

I have read and understand the above important information, warning of risk, and waiver and release of all claims and assumption of risk.

Participant's name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Signature of adult participant or parent/guardian (if participant is under 18 years old) _____

Date _____

Participation may be denied if the signature of adult participant or parent/guardian and date are not on this waiver.

8 RETURN TO:

ONLINE (credit cards only)

parkland.edu/enrollCE

PHONE (credit cards only)

217/351-2235

FAX (credit cards only)

217/351-5928

IN PERSON OR BY MAIL

Parkland College Community Education
1315 N. Mattis Ave., Champaign, IL 61821

QUESTIONS?

Contact us at **217/351-2235**
or **communityeducation@parkland.edu**



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