

Center for Nursing and Allied Health Continuing Education

The Center is a major provider of continuing education for nurses and other health care providers. New technologies, a rapidly changing health care environment, and the need to update skills and knowledge for the present and future makes lifelong learning a necessity. If you are a nurse or other health care provider, we have programs designed for you.

The Center offers credit-free course opportunities in the following areas:

- Entry-level, short-term job skills programs prepare learners for immediate employment as a certified nurse aide, patient care technician or emergency medical technician. These programs are approved by the Connecticut Department of Health for compliance with state and federal regulations. Current Basic Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician is a requirement for entrance into the College's EMT-Paramedic program .
- Continuing education courses in nursing, radiological technology, physical therapy, respiratory care, emergency medical services, social work, certified nurse aides, home health aides, and multi-skilled workers meet the requirements for current practices. All programs for radiologic technologists are submitted to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists for approval to award category A continuing education credit.
- General continuing education offerings for a variety of health care professionals include Phebotomy, Dementia Care Specialist, Peri-Operative, Nursing, Nurse Reentry course and Palliative Care Series, How to Take an EKG, Basic and Advanced Life Support. New programs are added each semester to reflect current interests and needs.
- Co-sponsorship opportunities with organizations for conferences and workshops are encouraged.
- Special customized programs offered by contract with health care agencies provide a unique opportunity to update staff knowledge and skills.

The Center provides programs which are affordable, conveniently located, relevant, and guaranteed to be of high quality. For current program information, call (203) 596-2142 or the Center Director at (203) 575-8031.

Center for Business and Industry Training

Technical Continuing Education

Scheduled workshops for sharpening technical skills enable employees to advance their careers. Certificates in Quality Assurance and Construction Technology are complemented by courses in Blueprint Reading, Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing, Cost Estimating, and Principles of Quality Assurance. Technical courses can be scheduled on demand.

Contract Training

Companies who want their employees to be trained in classes customized to achieve specific objectives contract with NVCC to design and conduct the classes on their company site or on campus. Contract training is the effective way to achieve productivity gains in the workplace and produces a measurable return on investment. Call us at (203) 596-2143 for a free consultation and assessment of your needs.

Training Collaboratives

Many small companies need three or four individuals trained. Often the most effective way to get the job done is to join a collaborative with other companies of similar need. Collaboratives offer the economies of scale and the full expertise of the College. The Department of Labor may pay for part of the collaborative training costs.

Management and Leadership Training

All too often, the people who are promoted to positions of leadership are the best workers, without taking into consideration that the skills needed for leadership are very different from the ones they've been using. Management and Leadership programs include such topics as communications, supervisory skills, team building, performance appraisal, facilitating and managing change, handling difficult people, total quality management, negotiating, and continuous improvement.

Performance Improvement

Many businesses have learned the value of expanding their traditional training goal to a broader strategy of performance improvement. The Performance Improvement process provides objective insights into how your organization can strengthen weak operations and build momentum in critical areas.

Experienced CBIT Performance Improvement Specialists offer a systematic approach to improving employees' on-the-job performance. The process begins with an in-depth needs analysis designed to identify on-the-job performance gaps that may be impeding business goal attainment. Our systematic approach includes interview and questionnaire processes. CBIT specialists identify the training needs, analyze the work environment, target motivational factors, and identify other areas that may act as barriers to employee productivity.

Center for Learning Enterprises

Computer Training

Workshops and short courses are offered in the latest software applications as well as in technical areas related to hardware troubleshooting and repair. New programs are constantly under development to keep up with the rapid changes in technology. Many levels of training are available including computer literacy, word processing, spreadsheets, databases, networking and the Internet. Courses leading to a Certificate in Web Design or Webmaster Proficiency continue to grow in popularity as do courses in several currently used programming languages that can earn a Computer Programming Proficiency Certificate. Special programs can be developed around specific software or customized to meet an organization's unique needs. The College offers state-of-the-art software and hardware on the main campus, in the Internet Center, as well as at our Digital Arts Training Center (DATA).

Cultural Arts and Languages

This program offers classes for personal enrichment that encompass a broad range of performing arts such as song writing, tap dancing, voice, guitar and piano as well as a variety of studio art subjects including drawing, painting in watercolor or acrylic, art history and animation. Also available are several modern language courses for personal, business or medical applications and various levels of American Sign Language for individuals interested in communicating more effectively with the hearing-impaired.

Digital Arts Training Association (DATA)

DATA serves those who seek professional training in the Digital Arts field. It is staffed by professionals in digital publishing, photography, fine art, design, web development, interactive animation, and video, who want to share their knowledge to enhance the visual arts industries. Specialized certificates in Digital Publishing, Web Design, Interactive Design, and Video Production are available, with an extensive selection of courses available for each. Classes are conducted at the Putnam Imaging Center in Danbury.

Kids-on-Campus

Since 1982, almost 5,000 students from 97 schools and 40 towns have benefitted from our two-week summer enrichment program. We offer numerous opportunities for children entering grades 4 through 10. Courses vary from year to year and include Acting, Anatomy, Archaeology, Cartooning, Computer Science, Gymnastics, Map Making, Rocketry, Web Page Design and many others. Kids-on-Campus is a wonderful summer opportunity for your family to experience the quality of our programs and campus facilities. Scholarships are available.

Motorcycle Rider Safety Program

Connecticut provides opportunities for basic and advanced training in the safe operation of motorcycles. Classes are conducted by certified instructors for novice and experienced riders. This program is co-sponsored by the Connecticut State Department of Transportation.

Photography

Learning how to chronicle the image of an event continues to be a popular area of professional and leisure training. Equipped with today's technology, adult learners use film and electronic media to create photographic expressions for artistic, historical or business purposes. Our short courses and workshops include basic 35mm methods, darkroom techniques, specialized workshops in photographic techniques. New classes are available in using digital technology.

Real Estate

Upon successful completion of our 36-hour core courses and testing, the State of Connecticut awards real estate sales or brokerage licenses. We also provide opportunities for real estate professionals to meet their continuing education re-licensing requirements every two years. Continuing education courses are short in duration, flexibly scheduled and reflect current information needed by practitioners in such areas as Real Estate Law and Property Management.

Travel Agent Training

As the travel industry continues to expand globally, professionals working in this area need to improve their knowledge and skills accordingly. We offer a comprehensive program leading to a Travel Agent Proficiency certificate, off-campus supervised cooperative education placements as well as review sessions for the industry test which can be taken at the College.

Outdoors Adventures

Gardening enthusiasts and aspiring landscapers can choose from a variety of courses that explore home landscaping, perennials, crafting with flowers and how to grow roses. For those seeking ways to enjoy the environment, we offer a series of classes with field trips to learn about archeology or bird watching, as well as hiking and kayaking excursions designed to combine physical fitness with an appreciation of our surroundings. If your goal is to broaden your horizons, join one of our exciting travel tours to such exotic locales as Northern Europe or the Southern Caribbean.

Personal Finance

Money management has taken on new importance for everyone. Short courses in financial planning, investments and small business accounting provide opportunities to learn about the impact of economic changes on personal and small business resources.

Youth and Family Enrichment

People of any and all ages can find interesting, informative and fun classes that seek to enrich and educate within the context of the family. Workshops address such topics as child care, understanding teens and babysitting certification. Classes intended for family members to take together include Family Hikes, Astronomy and learning Spanish.