

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Whether you want to explore a new activity or learn a new hobby, MCC has something for everyone:

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» PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The following classes are offered through in-person, remote (Zoom), or online instruction. Registered participants will receive location or access information by email within 24-hours before a class begins. Classes are available to anyone aged 16 and older, unless otherwise indicated. For updated class offerings, refund policy, or to register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588.

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Online Class: 

Main Campus: 8900 US Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL

SCC (Shah Center): 4100 W. Shamrock Ln., McHenry, IL

ANIMALS AND PETS

Make Extra Cash Pet Sitting (after school/work)

Do you love animals, especially dogs? Learn how to make extra money after school or work by watching dogs or other pets, usually in the pet's home. You will learn about feeding, watering, and exercising pets, how to make a good impression as well as what questions to ask when interviewing for a pet sitting job, and what to do when a dog has behavioral issues. You will also discover other services you can offer to make more money, such as dog walking, grooming, puppy training, etc. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. This class is taught by a seasoned professional pet sitter and a longtime entrepreneur. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class. Ages 12+

Fee: \$29

LeeAnne Krusemark

[6863](#) F 3/1 6–8 p.m. Remote

CAREER EXPLORATION

Intro To Voiceovers

Explore the fun, rewarding possibilities of the voiceover industry! Discover current trends and how they make it easy and affordable for just about anyone to get involved. You'll learn about different types of voiceovers and tools you'll need to find success. Your instructor, a professional voice actor from Voices For All, will take notes as you read a real script in this one-on-one video chat setting, and offer some coaching to improve your delivery. You'll receive a professional voiceover evaluation later. One-time, 90-minute, introductory class. Your instructor will contact you to establish a class date and time. Must be age 18 or older.

Fee: \$49

Alicia Midgley

[7473](#) 1/1–3/31 1.5 Hours Remote

Explore a Career in Nursing

This course will help you discover what it takes rewarding opportunities that await you in the different fields of nursing. You'll also learn about the different types of nursing and specialties and about the benefits of additional education.

Fee: \$135

# 7546	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 7547	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 7548	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Explore Administrative Medical Assistant

Demand for medical assistants will grow 23% through 2024, so there's never been a better time to explore a career in healthcare! This online course will give you an overview of the job duties and scope of practice of clinical medical assistants. You will learn about the different types of medical records and how to enhance the overall patient experience. You will also get an introduction to charting patient complaints, creating progress notes, and collecting medical history.

Fee: \$135

# 6813	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6814	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6815	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Explore Medical Coding

Explore a career as a medical coder and gain the knowledge you need to confidently work almost anywhere in the medical field—doctors' offices, clinics, hospitals, or even in the comfort of your home. This course teaches use of the CPT manual and IDC-10-CM which will give you a leg up on others who are new to this career.

Fee: \$135

# 6816	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6817	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6818	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Explore Medical Transcription

Learn how to transcribe the most common medical reports used in both inpatient and outpatient settings. This course contains a grammar review as well as important clinical knowledge of major disease processes, both of which are essential skills you'll need as a medical documentation specialist.

Fee: \$135

# 6820	1/17-3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6821	2/14-4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6822	3/13-5/3	24 Hours	Online

COMPUTERS AND TECH FOR PERSONAL INTEREST

Introduction to PC Troubleshooting

Don't spend your hard-earned cash on PC repairs that you can fix yourself with a little troubleshooting knowledge. This course takes you step-by-step through typical hardware and operating system problems and gives you the skills you need to solve them as you learn to maintain and optimize a Windows PC.

Fee: \$129

# 6963	1/17-3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6964	2/14-4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6965	3/13-5/3	24 Hours	Online

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

NEW! Needle Felted Bunnies

Join us for a fun evening out creating your own adorable needle felted bunnies. You will learn the basics of needle felting, using wool and a felting needle to create your very own bunnies to bring a little springtime into your home. Bring a snack and make it a fun night! All supplies included.

Fee: \$39

Rebecca Berry

# 7651	Th	3/7	6-8 p.m.	SCC
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NEW! Needle Felted Chicks And Eggs

Join us for a fun evening out creating your own adorable needle felted chicks and eggs. You will learn the basics of needle felting, using wool and a felting needle to create your very own chicks and eggs to bring a little springtime into your home. Bring a snack and make it a fun night! All supplies included.

Fee: \$39

Rebecca Berry

# 7652	Th	3/21	6-8 p.m.	SCC
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Beginning Sewing

Learn basic sewing skills and gain confidence while making three fun projects. These projects include a decorative pin cushion where you'll learn the utility and decorative functions of the sewing machine, basic sewing techniques, and cutting and measuring techniques; an inside-out pillowcase where you'll learn rotary cutting skills, basic and French seams, and pressing techniques; and a drawstring bag where you'll learn how to make a casing and boxed corners. Supplies, fabric, notions, and patterns are not included in the class fee but are available for purchase at the first class. Costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Sewing machines will be provided! Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$79

Sewing Concepts

# 7491	M	2/5-3/4	6-8:30 p.m.
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Sewing: The Next Step

After completing the beginning sewing class, you'll be ready to take your sewing skills to the next level! The projects for this class include rope bowls where you'll learn how to create these fabric-lined bowls which are great for any home decor; a humbug bag where you will learn basic quilting skills and how to insert a zipper; and a reversible apron that allows for customization to add your own flare, pockets, choice of straps, and a lining. Supplies, fabric, notions, and patterns are not included in the class fee but are available for purchase at the first class. Your costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Sewing machines will be provided! Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$79

Sewing Concepts

# 7492	M	3/18-4/15	6-8:30 p.m.
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Quilting for Beginners

This class is designed especially for the beginning quilter. Each lesson will take you step-by-step through the quilt-making process as you create a lovely 30 1/2 x 30 1/2 wall hanging quilt. Learn how to read a pattern, use a rotary cutter, and piece accurate seams. Supplies, fabric, notions and patterns are not included in the class fee, but are available for purchase at the first class. A supply list will be provided prior to the class. Your costs will vary based on fabrics and supplies chosen. Each student receives a 15% discount on supplies purchased at Sewing Concepts. Sewing machines will be provided! Sewing Concepts is located on the square in downtown Woodstock.

Fee: \$79 **Sewing Concepts**
 # [7493](#) M 4/29-6/3 6-8:30 p.m.

Fused Glass Workshop

Through a series of jewelry/ornament projects, you'll learn how to fire glass in a kiln to create one-of-a-kind art pieces. Characteristics of fused-glass materials, assembling techniques, and firing guidelines will be covered in class as you design and fashion several personal pieces. No glass-crafting experience necessary; tools will be provided. Supply costs range from \$15-\$42 and are not included in the course fee, but will be available on site. All classes will be held at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ages 12+

Fee: \$49 **Material Things Artisan Market**
 # [7552](#) Su 1/14, 1/21 1-4 p.m.
 # [7553](#) Su 2/18, 2/25 1-4 p.m.
 # [7554](#) Su 3/17, 3/24 1-4 p.m.

Fused Glass Workshop II

Continue your glass-fusing experience by creating larger pieces of showcase art. In this class, you'll create platters, bowls, or unique wall pieces that can be used to decorate your home or express your originality. You'll create at least two personal projects. Open to students who have completed the first workshop or who have previous experience fusing glass. Supply costs for each project will range from \$32-\$45. Tools will be provided, but you're also welcome to bring tools of your own. All classes will be held at Material Things Artisan Market, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock. Ages 12+

Fee: \$49 **Material Things Artisan Market**
 # [7555](#) Su 2/4, 2/11 1-4 p.m.
 # [7556](#) Sa 3/23, 3/30 1-4 p.m.

Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking

Learn to use digital editing techniques to show off your photos and memorabilia in Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking! Using Photoshop Elements, this course will teach you how to make the most of your scrapbooking talents and artistic ideas when you combine traditional and digital scrapbooking. Starting with simple projects, you'll quickly learn how to build pages, use artistic journaling, and produce sophisticated illusions.

Fee: \$115
 # [6823](#) 1/17-3/8 24 Hours Online
 # [6824](#) 2/14-4/5 24 Hours Online
 # [6825](#) 3/13-5/3 24 Hours Online

CULINARY

NEW! Sweet Breads

Learn the basics of making sweet breads including sweet rolls, quick breads, and scones. We'll make cinnamon rolls, banana bread, and chocolate chip scones. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$99 **Susan Caton**
 # [7595](#) Sa 1/20 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Cooking for Two: Italian

Celebrate your love or friendship by cooking with your partner, friend, or family member. Together, you will learn to make homemade pasta, homemade red sauce, garlic knots, and a chocolate lava cake. This is a two-for-one class. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$129 **Susan Caton**
 # [7596](#) Sa 2/10 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Campus



NEW! One Cookie-Six Designs: Fun with Cookies

We're going to begin with one cookie shape and decorate them into six different unique designs. Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies in learning how to make and decorate your cookies. Learn how to make delicious cookie dough and practice techniques for decorating beautiful cookies. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own cookies during the class. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly
 # [7488](#) T 4/9 6-8 p.m. SCC

Ladies Night Out: Fun with Cookies

Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies for a night of laughter and cookie decorating. Learn how to make delicious cookie dough and practice techniques for decorating beautiful cookies. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own cookies during the class. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly
 # [7489](#) T 5/7 6-8 p.m. SCC

Luscious, Low-Fat, Lightning-Quick Meals

Have you ever wished you had a personal chef preparing luscious, low-fat meals for you? This course is the next best thing! You'll learn how to reduce fat in recipes without sacrificing flavor or texture. Explore how to use flavor profiling to expand your culinary horizons. Learn how to prepare casseroles, crock-pot dishes, vegan dishes, oven-fried foods, meat-based meals, and many other entrees that are both nutritious and delicious! You will discover tips for grocery shopping, menu planning, food preparation, and quicker cooking. You will have the chance to try out over 50 exciting and easy lowered-fat recipes.

Fee: \$115
 # [6826](#) 1/17-3/8 24 Hours Online
 # [6827](#) 2/14-4/5 24 Hours Online
 # [6828](#) 3/13-5/3 24 Hours Online

DANCE

Country Line Dancing

Get your hips swaying to popular country-western songs. With easy-to-learn patterned foot movements, country line dancing is friendly to those learning the steps while giving others the chance to add advanced variations. You'll learn popular classics like Boot Scootin' Boogie, Cowboy Charleston, Tush Push, and many more. This easy-going class is perfect for anyone wanting to enjoy music, laughter, and fun. No dance skills or partner needed. Soft-soled shoes only.

Fee: \$59 Kimberly Oda
 # [7494](#) M 2/5-3/11 7-8:30 p.m. SCC

NEW! Pies, Pies, and Pies

Pies can be sweet and savory. You will learn to make pie crust from scratch and create three delicious pies including a fruit pie, French silk pie, and a mouthwatering chicken pot pie. All supplies are included.

Fee: \$99 Susan Caton
 # [7597](#) Sa 3/16 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Love is in the Air: Fun with Cookies

There is no better way to show your love than through a cookie. Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies in learning how to make and decorate those perfect heart themed cookies! Learn how to make delicious cookie dough and techniques for decorating beautiful cookies. You'll receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own cookies during the class. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly
 # [7486](#) T 2/13 6-8 p.m. SCC

NEW! Here Comes Spring: Fun with Cookies

Flowers don't only have to smell good—they can taste good, too! Join Lauren Daly of Tada Cookies in learning how to make and decorate perfect flower-themed cookies. Learn how to make delicious cookie dough and practice techniques for decorating beautiful cookies. You will receive six pre-baked themed cookies, icing, and sprinkles to decorate your own cookies during the class. Please bring an apron and get ready to decorate!

Fee: \$39 Lauren Daly
 # [7487](#) T 3/12 6-8 p.m. SCC

Country Line Dancing II (Modern)

Get your hips swaying to popular country-western songs. With fast-paced steps, country line dancing is friendly to those learning the steps while giving others the chance to add advanced variations. You'll learn popular new dances such as Dizzy, Men in Black, Swamp Thing, DHSS, and many more. This easy-going class is perfect for anyone wanting to enjoy music, laughter, and fun. Some dance skills required. Soft-soled shoes only.

Fee: \$59
 # [7495](#) M 3/25-4/29 7-8:30 p.m. Kimberly Oda SCC

East Coast Swing Dancing for Beginners

Beginning swing dance is for people who have no swing dance experience. Students will learn the basic six-count step pattern and add a new, easy variation each class. There will be lots of time to practice and get help. When you finish this class, you should be able to dance to various swing dance songs and other popular music with relative ease and confidence. Swing dance is a partner dance in which one partner leads and the other follows. Sign up with a friend to learn this fun and healthy dance style. Price is per couple.

Fee: \$79
 # [7498](#) Th 2/1-2/29 7-8:30 p.m. Mary Kanter SCC
 # [7499](#) Th 3/14-4/18 7-8:30 p.m. SCC

FINE ART

Welding: Metal Art

You'll learn basic welding skills to make metal stick together. This process can be used to create unique projects and yard art. Safe and efficient operation of a stick welder, MIG welder, and plasma-cutting tool will be covered in this class. One art project will be completed in class that is yours to take home. Additional projects can be created, as time allows, using student-supplied materials that can be purchased at your local farm supply or home center stores. NOTE: You must wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, non-flammable shoes, and bring your own welding gloves. (WORK BOOTS ARE RECOMMENDED.) This class is not designed to teach anyone how to weld for industry or to become certified in any areas of welding. All classes are held at the Woodstock Center: 912 Trakk Ln., Woodstock.

Fee: \$249
 # [7470](#) Sa 1/27-2/17 8 a.m.-Noon Justina Becker Woodstock
 # [7471](#) Sa 3/2-3/23 8 a.m.-Noon Center

Intermediate-Advanced Watercolors

Intermediate painters will work on advanced techniques and problem solving. Come prepared to paint the first class period. A supply list will be emailed prior to the start of the class.

Fee: \$99
 # [7639](#) F 2/2-3/22 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Megan Ripke Main Campus
 # [7640](#) F 4/5-5/24 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Campus



NEW! Flip Cup Heart: Acrylic Painting

Create your next masterpiece by using the flip cup method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your wooden heart, and apply the paint for a beautiful effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits your heart. You'll leave your painting to dry until the 2nd class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a box larger than 11x14 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: \$59
 # [7476](#) M 2/5 6-8 p.m. Patricia Berry SCC
 Th 2/8 6-7:30 p.m. SCC

NEW! Pet Portraits with Acrylic Paint

In this class, you will learn the basics of acrylic painting and techniques (such as value study, color scheme, and limited palette) by completing 3 mini portraits (4x4) of your pets! Each week you will complete a mini acrylic painting of your pet led through each step by our instructor. Go home with a collection of your favorite muse to display proudly. All materials are provided but you are required to provide a photo of your pet prior to the class.

Fee: \$79
 # [7582](#) W 2/21-3/6 6-8 p.m. Julie Kukreja SCC

Drawing: Beginner to Intermediate

Do you have an interest in creating and designing? Do you have a passion or desire for drawing but not sure where to start? In this class, you will learn the basics of drawing. Learn how to create volume in your drawing through perspective, shading, and shadows. You will learn how to train your eyes to replicate what it sees. Students may purchase the optional textbook, Complete Book of Drawing: Essential Skills for Every Artist, on Amazon. Students will need to bring a sketch pad, HB and 2B pencils, pencil sharpener, kneaded erasers, erasers, and ruler.

Fee: \$69

Efrain Gonzalez

[7561](#) M 2/26-4/1 6-8 p.m. SCC

Watercolor for Beginners

Have you thought about trying watercolor painting, but are not sure how to begin? Or maybe you've tried but would like some tips to make painting easier. This class is for you! We will send out a supply list before the start of class.

Fee: \$69

Efrain Gonzalez

[7560](#) T 2/27-4/2 6-8 p.m. SCC

NEW! Shamrocks: Acrylic Painting

Create your next masterpiece by using an acrylic paint blow method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your wooden canvas, and apply the paint. You will use a straw to blow the paint around (yes, a straw!). This is a fun technique that you're sure to love! You'll leave your painting to dry until the 2nd class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a shirt box larger than 8x10 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: \$59

Patricia Berry

[7477](#) M 3/4 6-8 p.m. SCC
Th 3/7 6-7:30 p.m. SCC

NEW! Swipe into Spring: Acrylic Painting

Create your next masterpiece by using the swipe method. Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward, will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep a uniquely shaped wooden board, and apply the paint. You will swipe the wooden surface to create a beautiful design. This is a fun technique that you're sure to love! You'll leave your painting to dry until the 2nd class where you will varnish your masterpiece. Please bring a shirt box larger than 8x10 to transport your painting home safely. All class supplies are included except for the box. Let's have some fun and be creative! This is a two-day class.

Fee: \$59

Patricia Berry

[7478](#) M 4/15 6-8 p.m. SCC
Th 4/18 6-7:30 p.m. SCC

Drawing For The Absolute Beginner

Gain a solid foundation in the basics of drawing to become the artist you've always wanted to be. This course will help you get familiar with paper type, drawing styles, techniques, and basic principles of perspective, layout, and design.

Fee: \$115

[7633](#) 1/17-3/8 24 Hours Online
[7634](#) 2/14-4/5 24 Hours Online
[7635](#) 3/13-5/3 24 Hours Online

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

NEW! RowFit: Indoor Rowing Fitness

Looking for something different to shake up your fitness routine? How about a great workout that hits both cardio and strength? Need something low impact, but is a total body workout? RowFit indoor rowing fitness classes could be right for you! Classes are 6 weeks (1-hour each week) and are held at Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing Center in Crystal Lake.

Fee: \$90

Sweeps & Sculls Indoor Rowing

[7730](#) M 1/8-2/12 7-8 p.m.
[7728](#) W 1/3-2/7 6-7 a.m.
[7729](#) Th 1/4-2/8 6-7 a.m.
[7733](#) M 2/19-3/25 7-8 p.m.
[7731](#) W 2/14-3/20 6-7 a.m.
[7732](#) Th 2/15-3/21 6-7 a.m.

Handling Medical Emergencies

Learn how to help family, friends, and anyone in an emergency when every second counts. This course will help you recognize the early signs and symptoms of common medical conditions and emergencies, so you can provide appropriate treatment while waiting for the EMS to arrive.

Fee: \$135

[6914](#) 1/17-3/8 24 Hours Online
[6915](#) 2/14-4/5 24 Hours Online
[6916](#) 3/13-5/3 24 Hours Online

Lose Weight and Keep It Off

Discover how to establish a healthy approach to weight loss and weight management. By the end of this course, you'll know how to set effective goals for eating, exercise, and many other elements that affect your weight, and be on your way to losing weight and keeping it off for good.

Fee: \$125

[6920](#) 1/17-3/8 24 Hours Online
[6921](#) 2/14-4/5 24 Hours Online
[6922](#) 3/13-5/3 24 Hours Online



CENTER FOR AGRARIAN LEARNING

The Center for Agrarian Learning at MCC offers non-credit workshops and seminars to help keep your farm sustainable, productive, and profitable.

SAVE THE DATE!

- January 27—How to Sell Your Story: Learn to Make Videos to Promote Your Food or Farm Business
- February 3—The Great Seed Event
- February 10—Make Your Website Work for YOU

Plus, field days and workshops this summer on the MCC Student Farm!

Are you a serious gardener, dream of backyard chickens, or want to get good at composting? CAL is collaborating with Community Education to develop a “homesteading” track.

Coming soon!

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Beekeeping Instructor Larry Krengel: For retired teacher Larry Krengel, beekeeping is not a profession, but a passion. He enjoys his time with the bees and looks at himself as a member of the “hive team”, just the biggest bug. Larry has kept bees for 38 years selling honey and teaching those who would like to learn the craft of beekeeping. After decades with the bee, he is still drawn to the challenge of understanding the mysteries of the honeybee colony.

HOME AND GARDEN

Beekeeping 101

Keeping honeybees is fascinating. Bees will pollinate your garden and provide a sweet crop of honey. In this class, you will learn where to start as a keeper of bees. We'll cover bee biology, modern beekeeping techniques, construction of hives, and how to acquire bees. Keep bees for the fun of it, as a sideline job, or to help your garden and orchard.

Fee: \$59 **Larry Krengel**
 # [6950](#) W 2/7–2/28 7–9:30 p.m. SCC
 # [6951](#) W 2/7–2/28 7–9:30 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping: 7 Ways To Raise A Queen

The number of small-scale beekeepers is increasing, and the demand for locally raised queen bees is growing. Purchased queens are often raised in areas of Africanized honeybees or come from migratory bee operations where dangerous viruses are exchanged. Gain information and learn seven simple methods of raising healthy honeybee queens. With a few insights and a small amount of equipment, the backyard beekeeper can raise locally adapted queens from bee stock with a great record of winter survival, good temperament, and excellent honey production.

Fee: \$25 **Larry Krengel**
 # [6952](#) W 3/6 7–9:30 p.m. SCC
 # [6953](#) W 3/6 7–9:30 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping: Comb Honey

Comb honey is old fashioned honey harvested in the bees own wax case. A hundred years ago honey was removed from the hive and eaten in the comb. Today, extracted honey (honey in the jar) is the norm. This course is an opportunity to return to the old (and some contend the healthiest) way of harvesting honey. Producing honey in the comb is a beekeeping challenge, an old fashioned challenge explored in this class.

Fee: \$25 **Larry Krengel**
 # [6958](#) W 3/13 7–9:30 p.m. SCC
 # [6959](#) W 3/13 7–9:30 p.m. Remote

Beekeeping Field Study

This short course will provide practical, hands-on instruction for installing, manipulating, and inspecting colonies of bees. The class will meet in a bee yard, so appropriate clothing and bee equipment will be necessary. Spring is the time to start with bees, and this course will walk you through it step by step. Learn what you need to know to start out right with your bees.

Fee: \$59 **Larry Krengel**
 # [6961](#) Sa 4/6, 4/13 1–3 p.m. Main Campus
 # [6960](#) Sa 4/6, 4/13 10 a.m.–Noon Main Campus

Small Engine Repair

Don't pay to have your small engines fixed—learn how to do it on your own! In this hands-on course, you'll gain the necessary skills to maintain and fix your personal snow clearing and/or landscaping equipment. Work with a skilled instructor and learn how to get back to snow blowing or mowing your property without having to buy new equipment. While background knowledge in engine operation and hand tool usage is beneficial, it's not required to attend this course. Students will need to bring their own equipment, but tools are provided for use during the class. The class will take place at Woodstock High School in Woodstock. Specific classroom information will be emailed to students prior to the class.

Fee: \$79 **Noah Taylor**
 # [7496](#) T 2/27–3/19 6–8 p.m. Woodstock High
 # [7497](#) T 4/2–4/23 6–8 p.m. School

Home Hydroponic Gardening

Dive into the world of hydroponic gardening in our Home Hydroponic Gardening workshop series. Learn how to grow plants without soil, master nutrient solutions, optimize lighting, and build your home setup. Perfect for beginners and plant enthusiasts seeking innovative and efficient cultivation methods. From lettuce to microgreens, learn how to grow plants in your home year-round. Join us for a hands-on learning experience where you will get to grow lettuce from seed to harvest! This workshop is instructed by Dr. Garrett Beier, Department Chair for Entrepreneurial Agriculture and Horticulture at MCC. Class meets every other week: 2/27, 3/12, 3/26, and 4/9.

Fee: \$99 **Garrett Beier**
 # [7581](#) T 2/27–4/9 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

Private Wells: Don't Be Dead in the Water

The majority of geographic McHenry County is served by private wells. Most residences, commercial, and institutional operations served by wells give them little consideration until, for one or multiple reasons, a new or replacement one is needed. You'll gain a better understanding of the evolution of well technology from pre and early settlement times through the present, including a comparison to modern municipal/public systems. There will also be discussion of the recent release of the current McHenry County Water Resource Action Plan (WRAP). This presents the question: Wells, wells everywhere, but will you be able to drink?

Fee: \$20 **Ernest Varga**
 # [7588](#) T 2/20 6–8 p.m. SCC

Everything To Know About Septic Systems

Many homes and businesses in McHenry County process waste via a septic system, yet most people have little to no idea how they really function. Get wise to what can, should, and shouldn't be processed through them, recommended maintenance, life cycles, repairs, and more.

Fee: \$20 Ernest Varga
[7587](#) T 3/19 6–8 p.m. SCC

Grow Plants for Fun and Profit

Turn your love of plants into an enjoyable and profitable home business. This course provides information on licensing, site preparation, equipment, how and where to find supplies, how to select and produce plants, how to produce quality material, and how to market your product.

Fee: \$125
[6923](#) 1/17–3/8 24 Hours Online
[6924](#) 2/14–4/5 24 Hours Online
[6925](#) 3/13–5/3 24 Hours Online

Introduction to Interior Design

Learn to transform plain living spaces into beautiful and functional rooms. This course will teach you how to design every aspect of a room while taking into account color theory, industry trends, special arrangements, floor plans, design ideas, and interior design basics.

Fee: \$129
[6926](#) 1/17–3/8 24 Hours Online
[6927](#) 2/14–4/5 24 Hours Online
[6928](#) 3/13–5/3 24 Hours Online

Start Your Own Edible Garden

Grow delicious, nutritious fruit and vegetables in your own backyard. Whether you want to provide food for your family, save money, get exercise, or just be more self-sufficient, this course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to have a successful harvest.

Fee: \$129
[6929](#) 1/17–3/8 24 Hours Online
[6930](#) 2/14–4/5 24 Hours Online
[6931](#) 3/13–5/3 24 Hours Online

LANGUAGES

Spanish for Beginners

Focus on the beginning aspects of Spanish, including basic writing, speaking, pronunciation, listening, understanding, and the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. You'll use grammar, vocabulary, and verbs in the most basic structure of the language. Book requirement will be discussed at the first class.

Fee: \$99 Veronica Petersen
[7570](#) W 1/31–3/20 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language for Beginners

Join a fun and relaxed environment where you start signing immediately. You'll start with the alphabet, numbers, vocabulary of categories, finger spelling, and basic phrases to greet people and express yourself. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is *Learn to Sign the Fun Way* and is available on Amazon.

Fee: \$99 Jennifer Rogan
[7562](#) T 1/23–3/12 6–8 p.m. Main Campus
[7563](#) Th 4/4–5/23 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language I

This course is for students who show proficiency through an instructor-administered assessment and have completed ASL for Beginners. You will learn basic ASL grammar rules including body and facial expressions. This will help you to improve your signing skills by using vocabulary to form a sentence that ASL uses. This will help you improve your signing skills to form sentences and ask and answer questions using ASL. This course is taught by a deaf instructor. The required textbook is *Signing Fun: American Sign Language, vocabulary, phrases, games, & activities* and is available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: \$99 Carol Puca
[7564](#) W 1/24–3/13 6–8 p.m. Main Campus
[7565](#) T 4/2–5/21 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language 2

In this class, you'll learn more about ASL grammar (ASL gloss), numbers in ASL, facial expressions, receptive skills, expressive skills, and classifiers. This class is taught by a deaf instructor. Required textbooks include *ABC Basic Course in American Sign Language-2nd Edition* and *Numbering in American Sign Language: Number Signs for Everyone*. Both textbooks are available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: \$99 Carol Puca
[7567](#) W 4/3–5/22 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language 3

This class continues the study of American Sign Language (ASL) whereby students develop expressive and receptive language skills with an increased emphasis on complex vocabulary, including an in-depth focus on classifiers and number systems and using those classifiers and numbers to describe people, places, and routines within the home and community. This class is taught by a deaf instructor. Required textbooks include *ABC Basic Course in American Sign Language-2nd Edition* and *Numbering in American Sign Language: Number Signs for Everyone*. Both textbooks are available for purchase from Amazon.

Fee: \$99 Carol Puca
[7566](#) M 1/22–3/11 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

American Sign Language 4

ASL 4 is a continuation of ASL 3 whereby students will review and build upon grammar and conversation skills. Concentrates on understanding and acquiring more advanced conversational skills in cultural context. Emphasizes the use of various kinds of ASL classifiers in the function of describing objects and in providing locative information. Morphology and grammar of American Sign Language will be explored in depth. There is no textbook required for this class. Materials will be provided.

Fee: \$99

# 7568	Th	1/25–3/14	6–8 p.m.	Jennifer Rogan Main Campus
# 7569	M	4/1–5/20	6–8 p.m.	Carol Puca Main Campus

Beginning Conversational French

Prepare for your next trip to France by mastering the basics of conversational French. This course will teach you proper pronunciation of French words that you'll use in your travels as well as cultural tips including appropriate gestures and body language.

Fee: \$115

# 6848	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6849	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6850	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Conversational Japanese

Prepare for your next trip to Japan by learning the basics of conversational Japanese. This course will provide you with useful words and phrases for conversing as you master the essentials of the Japanese language. Throughout this course, you'll gain cultural knowledge and learn useful conversational phrases and vocabulary words particular to a specific area of travel. You'll practice these in drills, interactive exercises, and dialogues.

Fee: \$115

# 6851	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6852	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6853	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Discover Sign Language

Learn how to sign basic phrases and sentences, allowing you to introduce yourself and start a conversation. Along the way, you will learn signs for colors, numbers, locations, family, and the activities you like to do. Discover how to make the signs and to incorporate facial expression to communicate in this beautiful language. You'll also gain an introduction to the world of the Deaf culture and explore topics such as lip reading, baby signs, and the career of interpreting.

Fee: \$115

# 6854	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6855	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6856	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Discover Sign Language II

Learn to build phrases and sentences with the vocabulary you used in Discover Sign Language 1, as well as some new vocabulary. You will practice phrases and sentences by recording your own signing and uploading them for review. You will also continue to explore the world of Deaf culture by learning more about the history of Deaf culture in the United States, famous Deaf individuals, and the impact of recent laws and technology on the modern-day Deaf community.

Fee: \$129

# 6857	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6858	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6888	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Instant Italian

Learn to express yourself comfortably in Italian. You'll be surprised how quickly and easily you are able to learn Italian in this course, which provides knowledge of practical, everyday words and phrases you are likely to hear if you vacation in Italy.

Fee: \$115

# 6889	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6890	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6891	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

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. You'll learn six easy recipes for gluing Spanish words together to form sentences. In no time at all, you'll be able to converse in Spanish. ¡Qué bueno! This class is taught by a college instructor who has been teaching Spanish for over 20 years.

Fee: \$125

# 6892	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6893	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6894	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

MUSIC

Beginner Guitar/Ukulele

Learn to play guitar or ukulele in this fun, in-person, group setting. We will start with the basics of song accompaniment by learning chord fingerings in a variety of keys, and strum patterns using a variety of rhythmic patterns. Well-known folk and pop songs will be used as a learning tool. Basic guitar/ukulele care, tuning and elements of music will be covered.

Fee: \$79

# 7468	T	1/16–2/20	6–7 p.m.	Patricia Gaughan Main Campus
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Advanced Guitar/Ukulele

The advanced guitar/ukulele class will explore the music of the Beatles and use their songs as a learning tool for various techniques. The class will cover power chords in *Come Together*, soloing in *While My Guitar Gently Weeps*, bass strumming in *I've Just Seen a Face*, Fingerstyle in *Blackbird*, and much more. Students should have a basic knowledge of open position chords to enroll.

Fee: \$79 Patricia Gaughan
[7469](#) T 1/16–2/20 7–8 p.m. Main Campus

Class Piano 1

Class Piano I is group piano instruction intended for non-music majors with little or no musical background and music majors without prior piano study. This course includes performing ensemble and solo pieces in various styles and the development of basic keyboard skills such as technique, scale playing, harmonizing simple melodies, transposing and improvising. Regular practice is expected.

Fee: \$149 Tara Singer
[7650](#) W 1/17–5/8 6–7:50 p.m. Main Campus

Guitar Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble is a small instrumental ensemble that provides students at various levels of musical proficiency the opportunity to perform a variety of guitar literature, especially folk, blues, country, and rock. Emphasizes sight reading, musicianship, and skills in improvisation.

Fee: \$20 Patricia Gaughan
[7032](#) Th 1/18–5/9 4:30–6:20 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Chorus

MCC's Chorus welcomes MCC students and community members. For more information, contact Michael Hillstrom at mhillstrom@mchenry.edu

Fee: \$20 Christopher Jackson
[7033](#) Th 1/18–5/9 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Concert Band

MCC's Concert Band performs a variety of pieces ranging from classics to modern masterpieces. Community members and students are welcome. This group is open to any musician with the musical skills necessary to perform the repertoire. Contact Paige Lush at plush@mchenry.edu for more information.

Fee: \$20 Paige Lush
[7034](#) M 1/22–5/6 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

MCC Jazz Ensemble

The Jazz Ensemble is open to any musician with the musical skills necessary to perform the repertoire. Students and community members are introduced to the works of traditional and contemporary jazz composers, developing improvisation and technical skills. Please contact Paige Lush at plush@mchenry.edu for more information.

Fee: \$20 Michael Bazan
[7035](#) W 1/17–5/8 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

New Orleans Jazz Band

MCC's newest musical ensemble is a traditional New Orleans-style jazz band that is open to any instrumentalist (or vocalist) with the musical skills and experience necessary to perform the repertoire. The Dixieland band performs twice per semester, on campus and in the community. For more information, contact Mike Hillstrom at mhillstrom@mchenry.edu.

Fee: \$20 David Dcamp
[7036](#) Th 1/18–5/9 2:30–4:20 p.m. Main Campus

String Orchestra

The string orchestra involves the study and performance of repertoire for string orchestra. Students develop aural and instrumental competence on selected string instruments and technical competence in performance.

Fee: \$20 Leah Hagel-Kahmann
[7037](#) T 1/16–5/7 6–7:50 p.m. Main Campus

Private Music Lessons

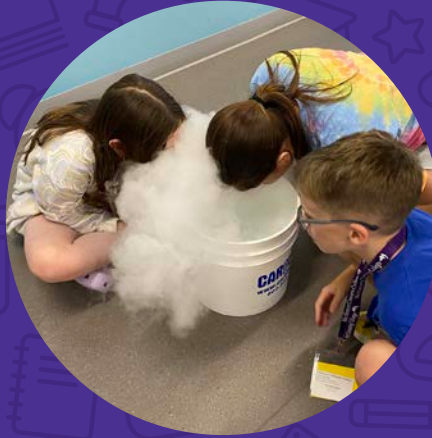
Students who wish to take private music lessons may register through Community Education. There will be a total of 7.5 hours of instruction. After you've registered, the instructor will call you to schedule a specific day and time for your lessons. The cost is \$329 excluding music, which you'll need to purchase on your own. All classes will run January 17–May 13. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Fee: \$329

Class	Course Code	Instructor
Banjo	# 7044	Thomas Sergej
Guitar	# 7576	Patricia Gaughan
Percussion	# 7043	Brent Jordan
Piano	# 7040	Tara Singer
Piano	# 7042	Rebecca Chu
Trombone	# 7038	Michael Storer
Voice	# 7039	Christopher Jackson

Lessons may also be available for additional instruments including those listed below. Please contact Community Education at (815) 455-8758 for other lesson opportunities.

Baritone Horn, Bassoon, Cello, Clarinet, Dulcimer, Flute, French Horn, Guitar, Mandolin, Oboe, Organ, Percussion, Saxophone, String or Electric Bass, Trombone, Tuba, Trumpet, Violin, and Voice.



Quality, affordable programming for students entering grades 1–9

Kids and College Program offers a variety of hands-on career exploration classes in science, technology, engineering, art, and manufacturing. Our exceptional instructors and staff engage students with their passion and enthusiasm—ensuring that each student will experience the joy of learning

Spring Break Program 2024 March 25–28, 2024

Get a sneak peek of the Kids and College Summer Program by joining us this Spring Break!

- Explore classes in Art, Culinary, Minecraft, STEM, and Welding.
- Half-day, full-day, morning, and afternoon options available.
- Limited classes and space available.

Summer Program 2024 June–July

Discover your potential this summer at MCC! Registration opens in January.

- Over 60 classes including art, beekeeping, broadcasting, culinary, game design, Minecraft, science, theatre, welding, and more.
- New classes start each week. Choose from morning and afternoon sessions.
- Limited space available.



To learn more and to join our email list for future updates, visit www.mchenry.edu/kidsandcollege



Join Kids and College for Camp Invention®, by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.®, a four-day creative and open-ended learning camp. June 24–27 for grades K–6.

PARENTING

Focus on the Kids

Focus on the Kids program is designed to minimize conflicts and promote positive communication between parents while providing insight on the impact of divorce/parent separation on children. Parents will learn to set aside their differences to work more collaboratively with the other parent while focusing on supporting and identifying the needs of their child(ren). Parents are reminded that they remain in each other's lives for as long as they have a child(ren) together and are encouraged to continue using these skills long after divorce or custody litigation has ended.

Classes are offered three times a month and are held at the MCC Shah Center.

View upcoming classes at www.mchenry.edu/focusonkids.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Introduction to Stock Options

Learn to evaluate, buy, sell, and profit from stocks. This course will arm you with investment tools that were once thought to be only for the pros as you learn how to protect your portfolio and profit in a down market, an up market, or even a flat market.

Fee: \$129

# 6895	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6896	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6897	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Keys to Successful Money Management

Let a certified financial planner show you how most wealthy people build their fortunes. This course will introduce you to a broad array of investment choices, help you discover the best ways to accumulate cash and property, and demonstrate how to best protect your investments.

Fee: \$125

# 6898	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6899	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6900	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Personal Finance

Set clear financial goals, make the right investments, increase financial security, and be prepared to retire someday. This course will help you gain control over the financial impact of your choices with tools that are useful, realistic, and easy to work into your regular routine.

Fee: \$129

# 6901	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6902	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6903	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Real Estate Investing

Discover how to make money in real estate, even if you have little to start with. This course includes specially designed worksheets and hands-on activities to take the guesswork out of investing in the real estate market.

Fee: \$115

# 6904	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6905	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6906	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Stocks, Bonds, Investing: Oh My!

Learn the basics of stocks, bonds, and investing so you can be independent and confident about your financial decisions. This class will teach you how to prepare for retirement, manage your finances, and pay for college without the need for hiring a broker or financial advisor.

Fee: \$125

# 6907	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6908	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6909	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

The Analysis and Valuation of Stocks

Learn fundamental and advanced techniques for researching and analyzing stocks. This comprehensive course will teach you how to read financial statements, calculate financial ratios, perform industrial comparisons, and conduct economic research.

Fee: \$125

# 6910	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6911	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6912	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

PHOTOGRAPHY

NEW! Cell Phone Photography (iOS)

Do you have an iPhone and wish to take better quality photos? Unleash the power of your smartphone's camera. Learn to capture stunning photos in both auto and manual modes. We will introduce the art of composition and enhance your pictures using iOS's built-in editing tools. Join us to improve your selfie game and take everyday photos to the next level.

Fee: \$39

# 7538	Th	2/8	6–8 p.m.	SCC
# 7540	W	4/10	6–8 p.m.	SCC

Alyssa Rivera

NEW! Cell Phone Photography (Android)

Do you have an Android phone and find yourself struggling to take images you are proud of? Embrace the power of your smartphone camera, from auto mode to manual control. We will explore the art of composition and refine your shots with Android's built-in editing tools. Elevate your everyday photography, from striking selfies to capturing life's moments with a touch of magic.

Fee: \$39				Alyssa Rivera
# 7539	Th	2/15	6–8 p.m.	SCC
# 7541	W	4/17	6–8 p.m.	SCC

NEW! Introduction to Manual Mode

Elevate your photography skills in just one day by learning how to use the settings on your DSLR or mirrorless camera. Learn the essentials of manual mode, including ISO, aperture, and shutter speed in a fun and interactive environment. No prior experience needed – we're here to make photography simple and exciting for you. (Note: This material is also covered in Digital Photography for Beginners, but if you only have one day to spend, this class is for you.)

Fee: \$39				Alyssa Rivera
# 7542	Th	2/22	6–8 p.m.	SCC
# 7543	W	4/24	6–8 p.m.	SCC

NEW! Digital Photography for Beginners

Unlock your photography potential with hands-on experiences in this introductory class. Explore the fundamentals of manual mode on your camera, mastering ISO, aperture, and shutter speed. Dive into composition principles and post-editing techniques. To put it all into practice, we'll end with an exhilarating on-location photoshoot, launching your portfolio journey. Perfect for beginners, you'll learn skills for everyday photos while embracing your inner artist.

Fee: \$99				Alyssa Rivera
# 7535	W	3/6, 3/13	6–8 p.m.	SCC
	Sa	3/23	3:30–6 p.m.	
# 7537	Th	5/2, 5/9	6–8 p.m.	SCC
	Sa	5/18	3:30–6 p.m.	

Discover Digital Photography

Gain the skills you need to take great photos with your digital camera and never miss a memorable moment again. This course is an informative introduction to digital photography, from DSLRs to smart phone cameras.

Fee: \$115				
# 6830	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online	
# 6831	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 6832	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online	

Introduction to Lightroom Classic CC

Do you have a lot of images to manage? Adobe Photoshop Lightroom is a fantastic tool for digital photographers at any skill level who need to manipulate and organize photos and images. This course will teach you how to use Lightroom Classic CC, Adobe's easy-to-use software that prepares, edits, and organizes photos quickly and effectively. Through hands-on exercises, you will learn to use Lightroom Classic CC like a pro and perfect your digital photos!

Fee: \$129				
# 6833	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online	
# 6834	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 6835	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online	

Mastering Your Digital SLR Camera

Break through the technology barrier and discover how to use your DSLR to take beautiful photos. This course will help you learn about features and controls, proper lenses, metering, exposure, and more to take your photography to the next level.

Fee: \$115				
# 6836	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online	
# 6837	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 6838	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online	

Photograph Nature With Your Digital Camera

Discover how your nature photos can become works of art rather than just snapshots. This course will help you explore composition and lighting as you master your digital camera's controls and features to take exceptional nature photos in no time.

Fee: \$115				
# 6839	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online	
# 6840	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 6841	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online	

Photoshop CC for the Digital Photographer

Adobe Photoshop CC (also known as Photoshop Creative Cloud) is a powerful subscription software solution providing support and specialized editing tools for digital photographers and graphic artists. In this course, you will master techniques to edit and enhance your digital images and add a professional polish to your work. Whether you are a novice or accomplished photo editor, this course will give you a collection of useful techniques that will quickly show you amazing results in your images.

Fee: \$115				
# 6842	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online	
# 6843	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online	
# 6844	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online	

Secrets of Better Photography

Learn to take outstanding photos and get the best results whether you are using a DSLR, a point-and-shoot, or your phone camera. Each lesson contains exercises and assignments that will help you apply new techniques to your own camera and make a distinctive difference in your photos.

Fee: \$125

# 6845	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6846	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6847	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

RECREATION AND SPORTS

Open Chess with McHenry County Chess Club

Join the McHenry County Chess Club for weekly Thursday night open chess from 6 to 8 p.m. at McHenry County College. Everyone aged 10 and up are welcomed. Open chess is for beginners to experts. Players are welcome to bring their own chess boards but not required to do so. Limited boards will be available for use.

Open chess is a great way to connect with other chess enthusiasts, practice your playing skills, and learn from veteran chess players. Vending machines are available onsite for snacks.

Fee: \$5

McHenry County Chess Club

# 7474	Th	1/4–3/28	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus
# 7475	Th	4/4–6/27	6–8 p.m.	Main Campus

NEW! SENIOR INTEREST

These classes are available to anyone aged 16 and older, unless otherwise indicated.

Writer Wannabees (Age 55+)

Are you interested in writing, but don't know where to start? Do you like to write and share your thoughts? Are you looking for an honest, gentle critique? Join other retired adults to discuss the rewards and challenges of writing. Facilitated by Dan Giallombardo, this is a self-directed writing support group. Registration is limited to 15 people. Q1 dates: 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 3/13, 3/27; Q2 dates: 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12, and 6/26

Fee: \$15

Dan Giallombardo

# 7656	W	1/10–3/27	1–3 p.m.	SCC
# 7657	W	4/10–6/26	1–3 p.m.	SCC

NEW! Lighthouses: Location! Location! Location!

Why were lighthouses built in a specific location? What are the various parts of a lighthouse and how did they operate before electrical power was available? View various types of lighthouse architecture! You will explore what happens when towers fall down, learn about the surprising effects of erosion and discuss period lifesaving equipment.

Fee: \$15

Marie Blunt

# 7549	F	1/19	1–3 p.m.	SCC
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NEW! Lighthouses: Historical Navigation Aid

Explore the important role lighthouses played in helping yesterday's sailors navigate treacherous waters. This second class will explore key inventions of the period such as the Fresnel Lens, Argand Lamp and color characteristics. Why do some lighthouses flash while others are static? You will learn about range lights, daymarks, fog systems, and light lists.

Fee: \$15

Marie Blunt

# 7550	F	2/16	1–3 p.m.	SCC
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NEW! Lighthouses: Keepers of Yesterday and Today

Create a timeline outlining key periods in lighthouse history. Discover how a German Spy masqueraded as a Great Lakes lighthouse keeper to thwart the US WWII effort. Who were some of the important people (and animals) who kept these lights then and continue to keep them now? Interesting facts, such as where the keeper went potty, and amazing trivia will also be covered in this class.

Fee: \$15

Marie Blunt

# 7551	F	3/22	1–3 p.m.	SCC
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NEW! Comedy Gold on the Silver Screen

Join us for a guided tour through the past 100 years of outstanding comedies in John LeGear's film history presentation Comedy Gold on the Silver Screen. Witness the evolution of humor on film since the arrival of Charlie Chaplin in Hollywood in 1914 and enjoy a taste of television comedy in this swift-moving tribute to outstanding writing, direction, and performance. In addition to laughs, you'll learn of little-known insights and fresh perspectives on some of film history's comedy classics.

Fee: \$15

John LeGear

# 7559	W	1/24	6–7:30 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! Herbs for Winter Blues

Learn which herbs and foods can bring more sunshine into your world and keep you buoyant and enlivened when the temperatures dip and the skies are gray. We'll discuss an array of herbs—including lemon balm, St. John's wort, holy basil, and motherwort—and creative ways to use them in food and well-being. With a vast knowledge of herbs and a prolific career in design, herbalist Dawn Petter teaches classes about the art of plant-based healing. Her classes are imaginative and accessible and encourage students to use herbal medicine in their daily lives. She incorporates her training from Arbor Vitae School of Traditional Herbalism with her natural creative flare. Dawn works as a Clinical Herbalist and Flower Essence Practitioner in NYC. You can also find her leading herb walks and teaching classes at The New York Botanic Gardens, The Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, The Horticultural Society of New York, The 92 Y, and the New York Open Center, amongst other places.

Fee: \$15

Dawn Petter

# 6947	T	2/6	6–7:15 p.m.	Remote
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NEW! AI Artificial Intelligence: How This Technology Became a Household Topic

The beginning of AI can be traced to the early 1950s when programmers made checkers- and chess-playing computers. Then came Shakey, the first AI robot... which was basically a box on wheels. What are some other AI breakthroughs? What is the current status of AI development? What do scientists envision for the future of AI? This course will present a timeline on the scientific development of artificial intelligence and uses in our world.

Fee: \$15 Dr. Susan Rausch
[6938](#) T 2/13 1–2:30 p.m. Remote

NEW! Presidents (Everything you did not know about our Presidents)

A President who, for his entire career, advocated “small government” is presented with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. But to seize that opportunity, he must turn away from his political principles. What does he do? A President knows the U.S. will become a world power if our ships can quickly sail from the Atlantic to the Pacific. But one country stands in the way. What does he do? A man who became President because of the incumbent’s death is suddenly given military information he had no prior knowledge of. Our country possesses the ultimate weapon. Should he use it? Join Professor Gary Midkiff for an investigation of these and seven other momentous Presidential decisions – some good, some bad, but all important.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang
[7466](#) M 2/19 1–3 p.m. SCC

NEW! Joseph Goebbels: The Man who Seduced a Nation!

This year’s 85th anniversary of the beginning of World War II presents a fitting occasion to take a closer look at Hitler’s mouthpiece, Joseph Goebbels. Through his perfidious use of propaganda, this quintessential Nazi was not only able to turn the Dictator into a worshipped, god-like figure, but he also seduced a whole nation and made many believe in an essentially unwinnable war. German Historian Anette Isaacs presents fascinating insights into the life and mind of this powerful manipulator.

Fee: \$15 Anette Isaacs
[6939](#) T 2/20 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! MCC Planetarium: Eclipses (Age 55+)

A total solar eclipse is one of nature’s most incredible events. On April 8th, 2024, observers across North America will have the opportunity to experience this phenomenon. This show will teach audience members what to expect on eclipse day, how to safely view the eclipse, and why it will be worth it to travel to the path of totality!

Fee: \$5 Paul Hamill
[7653](#) F 2/23 Noon Main Campus

NEW! The Atomic Age and Its Chicago Beginnings

Learn about the extraordinary scientists of Chicago who were instrumental in developing the atomic bomb. Discover how the Atomic Age began in Chicago with Enrico Fermi in 1942, as he oversaw the first human-caused, self-controlled nuclear chain reaction. Learn how this discovery would untimely lead to the Arms Race and the Cold War.

Fee: \$15 Jay Sternickle
[6940](#) T 2/27 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

NEW! Gardening With a Goal in Mind

Master Gardener Natalie Martin will walk you through the process of using goal-based gardening to jumpstart your garden plan for the year. Using the S.M.A.R.T. goal framework, you’ll come up with some ideas for your garden and make them achievable!

Fee: \$15 Natalie Martin
[6948](#) T 3/5 6–7:15 p.m. Remote

NEW! Pop-up Card Creation: Spring Flowers

April showers bring May flowers! By using hand painting, ribbon, moving parts, and different techniques of paper cutting, hundreds of ideas are now open to your imagination. Each card becomes a thoughtful individual piece of artwork, just in time for any special day. All supplies will be provided, and you will leave with a set of your own card creations.

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[7580](#) W 3/6 1–3 p.m. SCC



NEW! Prohibition: The Best Thing That Happened to Organized Crime

How did mobsters become millionaires? Find out what the Prohibition amendment set out to do, the challenges faced by law enforcement, and the violent, illegal rackets that sprang up to quench America's thirst. This program will be presented by an educator at The Mob Museum in Las Vegas, NV. This non-profit museum has a mission to advance the public understanding of organized crime's history and impact on American society. There will be Q & A following the presentation.

Fee: \$15 Museum Educator
[6942](#) Th 3/7 10:30–11:45 a.m. Remote

NEW! Listen to the Wolves

Based upon my book of the same name, explore the story of a man who survives winter in the stark Canadian wilderness by listening to the lessons of the wolves and the practices of the Native Americans (First Nation's People) whom he studies as part of his Ph.D. work. A sudden storm brings his bush plane down, and after surviving the crash, the man must walk out of the wilderness with the few items he can salvage from his plane. Would you be able to do the same? Techniques of survival and personal qualities will be revealed and discussed.

Fee: \$15 Steven Aavang
[7467](#) Th 3/14 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! Steal Big or Go Home!

Stolen art is a billion-dollar business with perhaps 10% of the art ever recovered. While European police squads are serious on hunting down perpetrators, in the US, this is considered a victimless crime. In the *Thomas Crown Affair*, Dennis Leary's detective has a line: "Swirls of paint that are really only important to some very silly rich people." We'll discuss some crazy international art thefts that even the Nazis couldn't crack!

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[7578](#) M 3/18 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! The Duelists: Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton

In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr met former Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton on a riverbank at dawn with loaded pistols to settle an affair of honor with a duel. The result was tragic. The story of how Hamilton and Burr ended up in that duel – now an award-winning musical – is full of intrigue. This presentation will explore the characters of Hamilton and Burr, the roles they played in revolutionary times, and how the struggles and passions of their era led them to the final duel.

Fee: \$15 Joyce Haworth
[6941](#) M 3/18 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! Quick! Hide the Booze!

From January 1922 to December 1933, Prohibition provided one of the greatest business opportunities in America to desperate farmers, bootleggers, men in small street gangs, and the organized crime families of the Mafia. We'll visit their world of underground tunnels, hidden speakeasies, luxury hotels, and money that built mansions and bought power across the country!

Fee: \$15 Ann Leslie
[7579](#) W 4/10 1–3 p.m. Remote

NEW! The Moon Race Part 2: Project Gemini

While Project Mercury proved that NASA could successfully launch astronauts into orbit and recover them, many lessons still needed to be learned before landing on the moon. Between 1965 and 1966, Project Gemini featured a two-man spacecraft and a more powerful rocket. Project Gemini set out to practice many of the maneuvers and techniques required to travel to and land on the moon, such as learning to intercept and dock with other spacecraft; how to perform outside the spacecraft in a spacesuit; and testing astronauts' endurance to survive in space for weeks at a time. This is the second class of a series outlining NASA's race to the moon, but you do not have to have attended the previous session.

Fee: \$15 Mike Frederiksen
[6946](#) W 4/17 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

SPECIAL INTEREST

Exploring Coin Collecting, Medallions, and More

Coins and currency hold a rich history, making collecting a rewarding hobby. Explore numismatics, which is the study or collection of currency, including coins, tokens, paper money, medals, and related objects. This class will introduce the basics of coin collecting and promote interest in history, geography, and culture. Discover which coins and currency are collectible and learn a variety of helpful tips for storage, proper handling, grading, value, and pricing. Students can present coins in class for discussion.

Fee: \$49 John Kent
[7557](#) Th 2/8–2/15 6:30–8:30 p.m. Remote
[7558](#) Th 4/11–4/18 6:30–8:30 p.m. SCC

Save Money with Extreme Couponing!

Learn how to save \$\$\$ every day with extreme couponing. Coupons are NOT just for groceries. The savings can add up to HUNDREDS or even THOUSANDS of dollars every year. This comprehensive workshop will teach you: where to find all different types of coupons, even for high ticket items, how to find the best coupon apps and websites, how to match coupons with sales for maximum savings. This workshop is taught by someone who has used many couponing secrets to save thousands. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$19 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6862](#) F 3/1 5–6 p.m. Remote

Get Funny!

Gain the ability to create humor, an important skill that can open many doors. This course is filled with opportunities to laugh as you learn how to come up with jokes or witticisms on the fly, punch up dull material for an audience, or entertain friends and even make new ones.

Fee: \$115

# 6968	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6969	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6970	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Learn to Buy and Sell on eBay

Learn from an auction pro how to work from home or earn extra income by buying and selling goods online for top dollar. This course will teach you how to get noticed, value items, sell quickly, protect against fraud, and safely conduct financial transactions.

Fee: \$125

# 6971	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6972	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6973	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

TEST PREP

GRE Prep Series

If you're planning to apply for graduate school, this series is the perfect place to prepare for the GRE. Learn techniques for taking on the verbal reasoning, analytical writing, and quantitative math sections of the test. We'll also provide pointers on managing time, reducing anxiety, and explain how scoring is calculated.

Fee: \$225

# 6877	1/17–4/12	48 Hours	Online
# 6878	2/14–5/10	48 Hours	Online
# 6879	3/13–6/7	48 Hours	Online

SAT/ACT Part 1-English Prep Course

This class focuses on the verbal questions of the ACT and SAT for the reading test, English test, and science test. We'll assess your knowledge of English usage, grammar, and reading comprehension and prepare you for specific question types on both exams. The course also includes tips related to time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking.

Fee: \$125

# 6880	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6881	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6882	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

SAT/ACT Part 2-Math Prep Course

This course focuses on the math questions of the ACT and SAT and includes a complete review of geometry, trigonometry, and basic statistics. Learn how to use your time wisely so you finish as many math questions as possible in the 60 minutes given to you for the math test. We'll also cover functions and other Algebra II subjects now tested on the SAT. This course also includes tips related to time management, anxiety relief, scoring, and general standardized test-taking.

Fee: \$125

# 6503	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6883	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6884	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

SAT/ACT Prep Series

Making the decision to attend college is probably one of the most important decisions you'll ever make—and your performance on college entrance exams is instrumental in determining your college choice. Universities and colleges throughout the U.S. require applicants to take the SAT or ACT as part of their evaluation package. This series will help prepare you to excel in all sections, for both tests, and provide you with the means to achieve your best potential score!

Fee: \$225

# 6885	1/17–4/12	48 Hours	Online
# 6886	2/14–5/10	48 Hours	Online
# 6887	3/13–6/7	48 Hours	Online

WRITING

How to Self-Publish for Free

This course will start your personal journey to becoming a royalty-earning self-published author. Write the next Great American Novel, share your professional expertise, or tell your family's story. Whatever you dream of writing, you can write and publish it yourself. Discover how to produce e-books and print books through Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing—plus other online platforms, that will give you worldwide reach for your work from a successful self-published author. We'll cover the basics including proper manuscript and book formatting, book cover design, editing tools, and publishing platforms. Learn how to create accounts and understand dashboards and reports, plus copyrights, ISBN, LCCN, and AISN, Develop a self-publishing plan and take steps to put that plan into action. Students who already have a book in progress can develop it for publication, while students who are new to writing and self-publishing will develop a solid understanding of this exciting and constantly-evolving new industry. This is a self-pace course with direct communication with the instructor. After registering, you will receive an email from the instructor directly within two weeks.

Fee: \$79

Roxanne Boersma

# 7472	1/1–3/31	4 hours	Remote
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Be a Better Writer: 10 Easy Tips to Improve your Writing NOW

We write everyday: emails, social media posts, work projects, and even non-fiction or creative writing. Improving is just a matter of knowing some simple tricks to make your writing more impactful and readable, and may help get you a promotion at work or avoid rejection from a publisher. In this hands-on session, there will be writing/editing examples and exercises so you can see in real time how to make sentences flow properly while still maintaining reader interest, and you will leave with a workbook full of writing tips and tricks, which is included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$39 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6869](#) Sa 3/2 3–6 p.m. Remote

How to Write Your Life Story (for fun or profit)

You don't need to be famous to have a legacy to leave behind. Create an inspirational autobiography for family, friends, and others. Learn how to recall vivid memories, analyze events and people that shaped who you are, and bring your story to life. Your handout, included in the class fee, will have an outline to help you organize and write your memoir step-by-step. Printing/publishing options will also be discussed. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$39 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6864](#) Sa 3/2 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Remote

Introduction to Screenwriting for Television or Movies

In this comprehensive session, you will learn about special screenwriting terms and formats for television and the big screen. You will also learn how to plot a story, develop characters, and execute your work in the proper screenwriting format. You will discover the difference between a Treatment, a Spec Script and a Shooting Script and when to do each. And, you'll get an inside look into the business of selling your script to agents and producers. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6865](#) Sa 3/2 1–3 p.m. Remote

Explore the World as a Travel Writer

If you love to travel and love to write, this is for you! We will discuss how to use all your senses in a new destination to create more detailed and in-depth descriptions that capture and maintain readers' interest, and whether or not you need to include photos with your work. You will also learn how to find and submit your finished product to print and online markets, the business side of travel writing (how to take travel tax deductions), and how to avoid worn-out travel writing cliches. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6870](#) M 3/4 4–6 p.m. Remote

Comedy Writing: How to Be Funny on Paper and Stage

Whether you need to make a dull work presentation more lively, mix laughter with learning in the classroom, or ultimately want to write for print/production or perform your own stand up routine, this fast-paced session will show you how to apply humor to all aspects of your life. You will learn the anatomy of a joke, how to use your powers of observation to sharpen your wit, write different types of jokes, and use humor to entertain and influence people. Informative handouts for future use are included in the class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6871](#) Th 3/7 4–6 p.m. Remote

Write a Riveting Mystery, Suspense, or Crime Story

Become a mystery writer for fun or profit! You will discover the different sub-genres and three-act story structure of mystery writing and create an intriguing cast of characters. Learn how to research and pick your setting, make sure your opening grabs readers' attention, use "red herrings" to misdirect your readers and create suspense until you're ready for the final reveal. Publishing options will also be discussed. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6872](#) Th 3/7 6–8 p.m. Remote

Beginner's Guide to Starting a Free Blog

Online blogging is a great way to get the word out about you, your service, your product, or information you want to share! You will learn step-by-step how to: start a FREE blog with WordPress, choose a blog template, emphasize your blog content with a creative name, use your unique voice to share your expertise, and connect your domain/website. You will also learn how to earn an income with your blog, including links to other websites and advertising on your blog, as well as increase your internet ranking. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6873](#) F 3/8 4–6 p.m. Remote



Write Your First Novel in 90 Days

This intensive course provides a schedule of crafting a novel from start to finish, which you can finish in as little as 90 days! This class will help you stay motivated throughout the journey, learning how to: select your novel genre while developing a compelling premise, creating multidimensional characters in immersive settings, craft a detailed plot outline, manage your time to keep your writing flow consistent, combat common roadblocks including writer's block, master the art of self-editing: refining your plot, fixing pacing, dialogue, and characterization problem. You'll also master the art of self-editing: refining your plot, fixing pacing, dialogue, and characterization problems while receiving constructive criticism from beta readers and exploring publishing options. By the end of this class, you will know how to complete your novel and have the knowledge and confidence to move forward with the publishing process. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6875](#) F 3/8 6–8 p.m. Remote

NEW! Beginners Guide to Using FREE ChatGPT (AI) for Writers

ChatGPT (AI) is here to stay and is the future for writers and content creators. Don't be left behind! No prior AI experience required. Do you want to learn how to incorporate the power of cutting-edge technology to gain ideas and inspiration, write web content, articles, and even novels or scripts? In this beginner-friendly course, you'll learn how to: register for a FREE ChatGPT account, input effective writing prompts to avoid nonsense responses, build creative content, from stories to marketing copy, understand ethical/legal considerations using ChatGPT, determine its capabilities and limitations. There's no doubt ChatGPT and similar AI systems will force the job market to evolve. It's crucial for everyone to adapt, learn new skills, and be open to working in collaboration with AI, so start building your expertise in the world of ChatGPT now! The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6876](#) Sa 3/9 1–3 p.m. Remote

How to Outline and Write an Irresistible Romance

Romance is the #1 selling fiction genre. Whether you're a new or experienced writer, this comprehensive session will help you sharpen your skills with practical step-by-step advice. You will discover the different romance sub-genres and understand the proven romance formula. You will also learn to create a unique setting, introduce your protagonist (lead character), percolate friction, and write relatable dialogue as well as intimate scenes. Publishing options will also be discussed. Informative handouts for future use are included in class fee. The webinar login information will be emailed the day before class.

Fee: \$29 LeeAnne Krusemark
[6874](#) Sa 3/9 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

A to Z Grant Writing

Learn the ins and outs of grant writing from a veteran grant writer. This course will provide the experience and skills you need to become a successful grant writer as you learn to put together stand-out proposals that will encourage funds from donors.

Fee: \$125

# 6974	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6975	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6976	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Beginning Writer's Workshop

If you have a story that needs to be written, an online writing workshop is a great place to start. This course will help improve your writing skills and discover new ways to stretch your creative muscles.

Fee: \$129

# 6977	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6978	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6979	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Grammar Refresher

Level up your grammar, speaking, and writing skills! In this course, we'll review the eight parts of speech, punctuation and mechanics, and foundational sentence construction. We'll also discuss phrases, clauses, problem words, common grammar mistakes, and much more using practical, hands-on exercises, short videos, and even fun games.

Fee: \$115

# 6980	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6981	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6982	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

The Craft of Magazine Writing

Learn the skills and insights you will need to jump-start your career as a magazine writer. This course will teach you how to get your work published and turn your writing skills into an easy source of extra income.

Fee: \$129

# 6983	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6984	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6985	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Write Fiction Like A Pro

Learn how to use story outlines like a professional writer with the help of lessons developed by a published author. This course will show you how to apply narrative structure to lend your fiction writing the maximum dramatic effect.

Fee: \$115

# 6986	1/17–3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6987	2/14–4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6988	3/13–5/3	24 Hours	Online

Writing Essentials

Master the essentials of writing so you can excel at business communications, engage online audiences, and take your creative literary talents to a new level. This course provides you with the writing tools you need for success.

Fee: \$129

# 6989	1/17-3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6990	2/14-4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6991	3/13-5/3	24 Hours	Online

Writing for Children

Create stories that touch the hearts of children with the help of a published children's author. This course provides you with an essential overview of planning, researching, writing, and marketing children's books that engage audiences and sell to publishers.

Fee: \$115

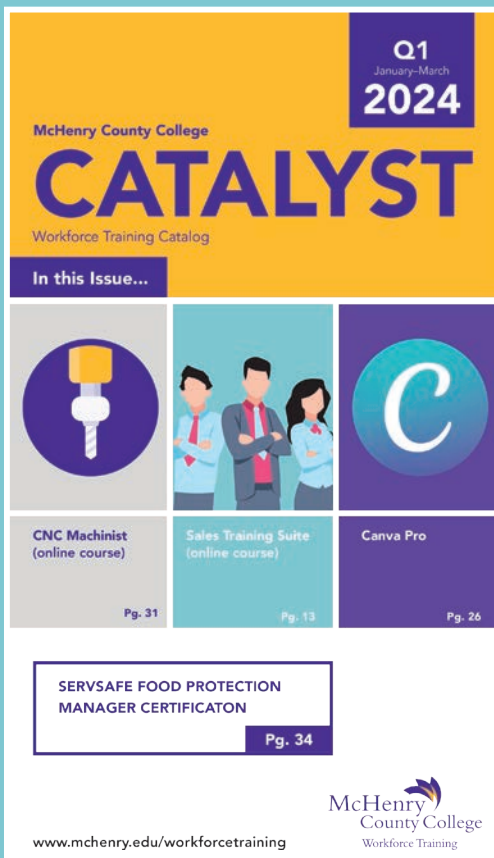
# 6992	1/17-3/8	24 Hours	Online
# 6993	2/14-4/5	24 Hours	Online
# 6994	3/13-5/3	24 Hours	Online

» ABOUT COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Office of Community Education provides a variety of in-person and online noncredit classes for the community in the areas of art, crafts and hobbies, culinary, dance, health and wellness, home and garden, languages, music, personal finance, photography, writing, and more.

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The following classes are offered through in-person, remote (Zoom), or online instruction. Registered participants will receive location or access information by email within 24-hours before a class begins. For updated class offerings, refund policy, or to register, visit www.mchenry.edu/careertraining or call (815) 455-8588.

CONSTRUCTION/FLAGGER

Flagger Certification

The National Safety Council (NSC) Work Zone Flagger Program incorporates classroom instruction, hands-on training and a flagging skills test to teach roadway personnel how to minimize confusion with standard flagging procedures and provide safe passage of traffic through and around Temporary Traffic Control Work Zones. This four-hour NSC Certification program meets federal industry guidelines and includes a manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This certificate is valid for three years. Participants will learn: • Key flagging procedures • Critical do's and don'ts for flaggers • How to maintain safety for themselves, roadway users, and their crew

Fee: \$150

Philip Senn

[6999](#) W 3/20 8 a.m.–Noon SCC

ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification—Spanish

All food service operations that prepare and serve food are required to have a certified food safety manager on the premises when food is being handled. This course, taught in Spanish, covers all critical principles including personal hygiene, cross-contamination, time and temperature, receiving and storage, food safety management systems, training, cleaning, and sanitizing. This 8-hour ServSafe course and exam (an ANSI-CFPM accredited provider) meets the Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. The ServSafe Manager Certification verifies that a manager/person in charge has sufficient food safety knowledge to protect the public from a foodborne illness. The certification is valid for five years. You must arrive promptly by 8 a.m. Spanish language book is included in class fee. Bring photo ID to class.

Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

[7003](#) Th 3/7 8 a.m.–5 p.m. SCC

FOOD SERVICE SANITATION

ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification

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Fee: \$189

Mark Halverson

[7001](#) T 2/13 8 a.m.–5 p.m. SCC

[7002](#) T 4/9 8 a.m.–5 p.m. SCC

PROFESSIONAL HEALTHCARE

Phlebotomy Technician CPT

A Phlebotomy Technician Certification (CPT) will give you the credentials you need to set yourself apart from other applicants as you embark on a rewarding healthcare career. This course consists of 60 classroom and lab hours in which you'll be required to complete a minimum of 30 venipunctures and 10 capillary sticks (must be able to find volunteers—friends, family, etc.). After successful completion of the course, you'll be prepared to take the National Health Careers (NHA) certification exam. The cost of the course includes books, materials, and the cost of the NHA certification exam. Students will both administer and receive venipunctures and capillary sticks. *This course has immunization and physical screening requirements that must be met before the start of the course. Please contact careertraining@mchenry.edu prior to enrolling for details.

Fee: \$1,999

Melanie Sharratt

[6801](#) MW 1/8–3/13 5–8 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Pharmacy Technician

The Professional Pharmacy Technician Training is a 96-hour course designed to teach students the fundamentals and particulars of being a pharmacy technician. The program is geared towards a variety of students including those interested in becoming pharmacy students, or those with a healthcare background looking to strengthen their current skills. The class introduces students to various pharmacy practice settings and covers drug classes, basic physiology, drug interactions and daily pharmacy operations. This program trains individuals to effectively assist in pharmaceutical preparations and complete daily required tasks in any pharmacy environment, although on-the-job training is still a part of pharmacy training. This course prepares students to sit for the NHA (National Healthcareer Association) ExCPT exam.

Fee: \$1,999 **Madonna Vorderer and Samantha Rimas**
[7632](#) TTh 1/30–5/23 5:30–7:30 p.m. Main Campus

EKG Technician

You'll study basic to advanced concepts in EKG. These concepts include the basic cardiac anatomy and physiology, proper lead placement for a 5- and 12- lead, technical aspects of the EKG machine and how to calculate heart rate, how to interpret a rhythm strip, and several advanced concepts working with the 12-lead EKG machines. You'll also learn how to prep a patient for EKG monitoring and troubleshooting EKG artifacts. This training will allow you to assist the physician with diagnosing myocardial infarction, cardiac arrhythmias, and heart rhythm irregularities. EKG machines are used in physicians' offices, hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. The fee for this class includes all books, materials, and the cost of the initial certification exam to be taken at the end of class. Asynchronous work to take place on-line (recorded zoom lectures, quizzes, and assignments)

Fee: \$999 **Kristin Lynam**
[7048](#) TF 4/2–5/24 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Main Campus

BLS Healthcare Provider CPR

This course meets the American Heart Association (AHA) requirements for recognition as a Basic Life Support Rescuer. It is intended for those entering or currently working in healthcare settings. After successfully completing this course, you'll receive a certification in BLS CPR. Cost of the book and materials are included in the course fee. 4.0 contact hours will be issued.

Fee: \$75 **Michelle Krysiak**
[7007](#) W 2/21 2:30–6:30 p.m. SCC
[7045](#) T 1/23 6–10 p.m. Main Campus

REAL ESTATE/HOME INSPECTION

Home Inspection Pre-Licensing Course

To become an Illinois-licensed home inspector, you must successfully complete an approved pre-licensing course (including five field inspection events); pass the Illinois Home Inspector License Exam; and submit the application and fee to the state. MCC is an Illinois-approved Pre-License School for Home Inspectors and this is an Illinois-approved pre-license course. This course covers the major elements of home inspection to help prepare you for the state certification exam. Successful completion of this 60-hour course, along with the five mandatory inspection events, is required to sit for the Illinois State Exam. Field inspection events may be offered as a part of this course (subject to availability), and will take place outside of class hours. You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the inspection event sites, and may be required to complete additional inspections outside of this course in order to meet the state licensure requirements. Topics covered include: exteriors, interiors, roofing, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, structural, misc. appliances, laws, and standards of practice. If you have had a felony conviction, you will need to contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) at (217) 785-0800 to see if you will be eligible to sit for the exam. IDFPR requires students be at least 21 years old to take the licensure exam.

Fee: \$999 **Theodore Dinkelman**
[7571](#) TTh 1/16–3/21 6–9 p.m. SCC

Real Estate Broker Pre-Licensing Series

This blended-home study course satisfies the 90 hours of instruction required by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to become a Real Estate Broker (75 hours from Broker Pre-License Topics section; 15 hours from Broker Pre-License Applied Estate Principles section). Study the broad field of real estate with an emphasis on license law, real property, agency structure, buyer and seller relationships, and counseling. We'll also explore Illinois law, Federal law, marketing and advertising, market analysis and appraisal, financing, contract knowledge, independent contractor/employee agreements, and occupational disciplines. We'll cover role play, case study examples, demonstration examples, and "what if" situational examples in areas such as listing presentation, agreement and disclosure, writing purchase agreements, market analysis, seller net sheets, confronting fair housing violations (seller or buyer), distressed property issues, antitrust scenarios, and inspection/repair issues.

Fee: \$799 **Becky Kirchner**
[7746](#) MW 1/7–3/11 5:30–9 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION

160 hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

McHenry County College offers comprehensive hands-on training which will prepare students to take the Secretary of State Class A test. Students train on city, county and federal highways. Students practice behind the wheel using the same equipment they will use while taking the Secretary of State Class A test. Students must be at least 18 years old, be able to read and write in English, and have a valid driver's license at the time of registration. This course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 120 hours of yard and road skills. Classes offered on a continuous basis, please contact careertraining@mchenry.edu to schedule your start date.

Fee: \$5,000 **Eagle Training Services**

[6934](#) M-Su 1/1-3/31 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

240 hr Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

McHenry County College offers comprehensive hands-on training which will prepare students to take the Secretary of State Class A test. Students train on city, county and federal highways. Students practice behind the wheel using the same equipment they will use while taking the Secretary of State Class A test. Students must be at least 18 years old, be able to read and write in English, and have a valid driver's license at the time of registration. This course consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and 200 hours of yard and road skills. Classes offered on a continuous basis, please contact careertraining@mchenry.edu to schedule your start date.

Fee: \$6,000 **Eagle Training Services**

[6935](#) M-Su 1/1-3/31 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Motorcycle Technician Training Program

In addition to service and repair, today's motorcycle technician is responsible for keeping up with the latest industry technology and providing top-notch customer service. This course includes 360 hours of instruction that blends hands-on training, classroom instruction, and job shadow opportunities. Successful completion of this course will prepare you to take the industry-recognized certification exams that employers are looking for in their applicants. Hands-on training is provided under the supervision of master mechanics who work on today's top brands, including, Harley-Davidson, Triumph, and KTM.

Fee: \$3,999 **Windy City Motorcycle Company Academy**

[6936](#) M-Th 1/16-3/21 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Freight Broker Training

Become part of the exciting trucking, freight logistics, and transportation industries as a licensed freight broker or as a freight broker agent. Freight broker training will help you learn the skills you need to be a successful Freight Broker/Agent. From licensing and operations to sales and marketing, you'll learn the basics of how to run a domestic freight brokerage or agency in the United States. Freight brokerage is a growing, service-based industry. As a freight agent or broker, you connect shippers and manufacturers with transportation companies and manage those shipments. Entrepreneur magazine has rated the freight brokerage business as one of the top home-based businesses to own, and a Wall Street Journal article cited freight brokering and logistics as the largest growing sector of the transportation industry. Written by freight brokerage specialists, this freight broker course will provide you with the knowledge and resources needed to break into the shipping industry. From transportation law, contracts, and insurance, to setting up and running your own business, this is the best online freight broker training available.

Fee: \$1,895

[6275](#) 10/1-12/21 100 Hours Online

[7661](#) 1/1-3/31 100 Hours Online

VETERINARY

Veterinary Assistant

Veterinary assistants have been identified by the U.S. Department of Labor as one of the fastest-growing professions. Vet assistants work with veterinarians in private practice, animal shelters, animal control facilities, pet stores, kennels, and veterinary drug companies. Working with veterinarians and veterinarian technicians, they help provide medical care to sick and injured animals. This course includes 150 hours of classroom instruction and 100 hours of mandatory clinical externship. Times of clinical externships will vary based on availability and hours of the clinical sites. Students in this course will be expected to set up their own externship hours with an approved veterinary clinic. Please contact Career Training office at (815) 479-7879 or careertraining@mchenry.edu with any questions prior to enrolling. Successful completion of the class includes successful completion of the clinical.

Fee: \$2,499 **Tabitha Arenson**

[6807](#) MTTh 1/8-5/23 6-9 p.m. Main Campus

High School Fee: \$1,249

[6808](#) MTTh 1/8-5/23 6-9 p.m. Main Campus



The PATH program, funded through an Illinois Community College Board grant, aims to expand opportunities for individuals in nursing and select healthcare pathways by helping them earn certificates and degrees that allow them to enter and/or advance their careers in the healthcare industry.

Students receive support, including compensation, to help cover basic costs while receiving the training.

Noncredit programs include EKG Technician, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, and Phlebotomy Technician.



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MEET MCC

Wednesday, March 20, 2024
5:30–7:30 p.m. | MCC Gym (A107)
www.mchenry.edu/meetmcc

McHenry County College invites you to our biggest event of the year.

Join us the Wednesday before Spring Break to explore everything MCC has to offer!

- Meet all MCC academic areas and our faculty—from Accounting to Welding and everything in between!
- Explore the MCC campus.
- Learn about our new and expanded programs like HVAC, welding, robotics and automation, software development, and more.
- Meet the staff from the University Center at MCC where students can complete bachelors degrees locally: Live here, learn here.

For more info and updates visit www.mchenry.edu/meetmcc.

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