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

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Beyond Backyard Birding

Explore beyond the birds in your backyard and discover how to identify the hundreds of species that can be found in the area. Jeff Aufmann of McHenry County Audubon is an experienced bird guide and an expert in identifying local birds by both sight and sound. The first part of the class is an indoor lecture covering avian biology, traits, and behaviors that aide in identification, and the an overview of the best places in the area to go birding. The class will also cover the latest internet and smartphone technologies available to help find, identify, and track species. There will also be a bird walk at nearby McHenry Dam where we will practice the techniques to effectively use binoculars and spotting scopes. New skills will be used to find and identify as many species as possible.

Fee: $39

# 8078  Th  5/16  6:30–8:30 p.m.  Main Campus
# 8079  Sa  5/18  7–9:30 a.m.  SCC

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

# 7894  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7895  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7896  6/12–8/2  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

# 7897  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7898  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7900  6/12–8/2  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.

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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**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+

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**NEW! Introduction to Candle Making**
Embark on a journey into the captivating world of candle making! Join Seleta Scents in this hands-on workshop, where they will guide you through the artistry of crafting your own personalized soy-scented candle. By exploring our diverse selection of clean fragrance oils, you will blend a scented candle that mirrors your individual style and scent preferences. No prior experience is required and all necessary supplies will be provided. Each participant will leave with their own handcrafted 10-oz. soy candle, and a newfound knowledge of candles, the art of candle making, and what to look out for when purchasing scented products. Classes will be held at Seleta Scents located in the Old Courthouse in Downtown Woodstock.

Fee: $39

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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 ½ x 30 ½ 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

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NEW! Making Cards with Mallory: Mother’s Day
Create stamped greeting cards with Mallory. You will make unique die-cut cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and layout the perfect card. Students will create 3-4 cards, depending on style.
Fee: $19 Mallory McBride
# 8134 W 4/17 6–8 p.m. SCC

NEW! Making Cards with Mallory: Easel Style
Create stamped greeting cards with Mallory. You will make unique die-cut cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and layout the perfect card. Students will create 3-4 cards, depending on style.
Fee: $19 Mallory McBride
# 8135 Th 5/16 6–8 p.m. SCC

NEW! Making Cards with Mallory: Celebration
Create stamped greeting cards with Mallory. You will make unique die-cut cards to share with someone special in your life. Learn how to cut, stamp, and layout the perfect card. Students will create 3-4 cards, depending on style.
Fee: $19 Mallory McBride
# 8136 W 6/12 6–8 p.m. SCC

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
# 7914 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7916 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7917 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online

NEW! Knife Skills
In this hands-on knife skills class, you’ll learn the proper way to hold a knife; how to chop, dice, and chiffonade; and how to properly care for and maintain your knife. You’ll also learn how to prepare vegetables, fruits, and herbs, and discover techniques to make your prep time safer and less demanding. During the class, you’ll use the prepared foods to make a soup and an apple galette. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up.
Fee: $79 Susan Caton
# 8184 Sa 4/6 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! May the 4th Be With You
Celebrate May 4th in this fun and engaging class (great for anyone aged 12+). Learn to make themed cupcakes, guacamole, and lightsabers made from pretzel rods. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up. Students under the age of 16 require supervision by a paid adult.
Fee: $79 Susan Caton
# 8185 Sa 5/4 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Cooking for Two: Fish
Celebrate your love or friendship by cooking with your partner, friend, or family member. Together, you will learn the methods for properly cooking different type of fishes (white, fatty, and shellfish) and what type of sauces work best with each type of fish. This is a two-for-one class, but a partner is not required. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up.
Fee: $129 Susan Caton
# 8186 Sa 5/18 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Main Campus
NEW! Salads and Homemade Dressings
This farm-to-table class will utilize the fresh greens and vegetables grown in the MCC Student Farm. You’ll learn to make a variety of salads including greens, pasta, and fruit, along with homemade dressings such as ranch, Italian, balsamic vinaigrette, and sweet poppy seed. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up. *Please note, due to availability and weather impact, substitutes may be required.
Fee: $99 Susan Caton
# 8187 Sa 6/8 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Main Campus

NEW! Gourmet Burgers
This farm-to-table class will utilize locally sourced meats. You’ll learn to make a variety of burgers, including beef, turkey, meatless, and chef’s choice. All supplies are included and students are required to assist with clean up. *Please note, due to availability and weather impact, substitutes may be required.
Fee: $99 Susan Caton
# 8188 Sa 6/22 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

One Cookie, 6 Designs: Fun with Cookies
We’ll begin with one cookie shape and decorate it into six 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

NEW! Honey Tasting: A Sensory Analysis of Honey
Honey takes a long journey before it lands in your jar. The final product can be affected by many variables, including the local climate, botanical sources and the honeybees who visit them, and the activity of beekeepers. In this class, we will study varietal honeys using our senses of sight, smell, taste, and touch to fully appreciate the selection of these honeys. We will approach honey tasting as a sensory journey as we review at least five varietal honeys and compare their flavors and profile differences. We will also review and discuss: a Honey Sensory Wheel and how that impacts fragrances within the honey; how to more finely tune our senses to appreciate our local varietals of honey; how honeys acquire certain aromas that often differ from what we would expect; methods of tasting the full balance of flavors of these honeys; how to appreciate the different textures of honey and their impact on our taste buds; and sample 20+ varieties of handcrafted local honeys (creamed, infused, raw, and barrel-aged) and other honey-based products (honey sauces, mustards, and honey hot sauces). Students will receive their own Honey Sensory Booklet for future tastings.
Fee: $39 Frank Moriarty
# 8198 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
# 7924 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7925 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7926 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online
FINE ART

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 one week prior to the start of the class.
Fee: $99 Megan Ripke
# 7640 F 4/5–5/24 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Main Campus

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
# 8214 T 4/16–5/21 6–8 p.m. 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
# 8215 M 4/15–5/20 6–8 p.m. SCC

NEW! Introduction to Clay
You make it—we’ll glaze and fire it! It is never too late to get your hands dirty and play with clay. We will introduce you to functional pottery through hand building techniques. You will learn different ways of working with clay, including rolling out a slab, making a pinch pot, joining, carving, and more. You’ll create a functional clay pinch pot and a slab dish where you will select your choice of glaze. Pieces will be available for pickup within a week. All materials are included. Classes will be held at the Clayworkers’ Guild in Downtown Woodstock.
Fee: $65 Clayworkers’ Guild
# 8207 Th 4/18 6–9 p.m.
# 8208 Th 5/16 6–9 p.m.
# 8209 Th 6/20 6–9 p.m.

Sumi-e Japanese Black Ink Art
Discover the beauty of Sumi-e, the Japanese art style of monochrome, black ink painting. You’ll learn the techniques to paint with ink and how to create levels of shading by dissolving ink in water. Your end result will be creating your own elegant masterpieces.
Fee: $79 Ann Leslie
# 8141 W 5/1–5/22 6–8 p.m. SCC

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
# 7479 Th 4/18 6–7:30 p.m. SCC

Coasters Acrylic Painting
Create a set of beautiful coasters with artist Patty Berry, owner of Pouring It Forward. Patty will teach you how to mix the right acrylic paint, prep your project, then apply the paint for a beautiful effect. The fun begins the moment the paint hits your project. You’ll leave your coasters to dry until the 2nd class. Please bring a shirt box larger than 11x14 to transport your coasters 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
# 8190 W 5/1 6–8 p.m. SCC
# 8191 W 5/8 6–7:30 p.m. SCC
**Swipe 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  
# 8191 M 6/10 6–8 p.m.  
# 8191 Th 6/13 6–7:30 p.m.

**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 and safety glasses. (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  
# 8246 Sa 4/13–5/4 8 a.m.–Noon  
# 8247 Sa 6/1–6/22 8 a.m.–Noon

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**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  
# 8239 W 4/3–5/8 6–7 a.m.  
# 8241 Th 4/4–5/9 7–8 p.m.  
# 8240 W 5/15–6/19 6–7 a.m.  
# 8242 Th 5/16–6/20 7–8 p.m.

**NEW! Rowing: Adult Discover Rowing Clinic**

Adult Discover Rowing Clinics will introduce you to rowing and give you hands-on experience with the sport. The clinic is broken into two steps, each lasting about 2-2.5 hours. The first part is a rowing orientation where you’ll visit Sweeps & Sculls boatyard or indoor rowing center for our dryland introduction to rowing basics. There you’ll learn about terminology, equipment, basic rowing stroke, and everything you need to get on the water or get an oar in your hands. The second part will involve actually getting in a boat! This is your chance to give it a try.

**Fee:** $75  
# 8243 SaSu 4/13, 4/14 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
# 8244 SaSu 5/11, 5/12 9:30–11:30 a.m.  
# 8245 SaSu 6/22, 6/23 9:30–11:30 a.m. and 7–9 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  
# 7952 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online  
# 7953 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online  
# 7954 6/12–8/2 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  
# 7955 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online  
# 7956 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online  
# 7957 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online

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**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  
# 7933 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online  
# 7934 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online  
# 7935 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online
The Center for Agrarian Learning at MCC offers non-credit workshops and seminars to help keep your farm sustainable, productive, and profitable.

COMING UP:
Saturday March 16—Pruning: Fruit Trees and Brambles Lecture and Demonstration $20, Register at www.mchenry.edu/cal

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- Season Extension and High Tunnel Tour

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**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  
# 7497  
T 4/2–4/23  
6–8 p.m.  
Noah Taylor  
Woodstock High School

**NEW! Downsizing: Art and Challenge of Letting Go**

Are you looking to downsize and get ready for your next phase in life? Take this class and learn great tips to prepare to move into your new space. Discover how to sift through your treasures to find the gold, keeping your sanity in the process!

Fee: $29  
# 8216  
Sa 4/6  
10 a.m.–Noon  
SCC  
Catherine Feltz

**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  
# 6960  
Sa 4/6, 4/13  
10 a.m.–Noon  
Main Campus  
Larry Krengel  
# 6961  
Sa 4/6, 4/13  
1–3 p.m.  
Main Campus

**NEW! Growing Your Own Mushrooms**

Edible mushrooms have many important medicinal and culinary uses, and they are relatively easy to grow once you have the supplies and know the techniques. Starting with a lecture featuring the most common commercially and home-grown mushrooms (covering identification, practices, procedures, and equipment), this class will include a lab session where you will inoculate logs with shiitake mushrooms as well as straw and coffee grounds with oyster mushrooms. It will finish with a discussion of the business of mushrooms. Please bring a clean, wide-mouth quart jar and about four cups of spent coffee grounds.

Fee: $35  
# 8232  
Sa 4/27  
9 a.m.–Noon  
Main Campus  
Richard Tobiasz and Garrett Beier

**NEW! Honey Tasting: A Sensory Analysis of Honey**

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Fee: $39  
# 8198  
T 5/7  
6–8 p.m.  
SCC  
Frank Moriarty

**Mushroom Mission**

Explore the wonderful world of mushrooms. Andy Andresky and Kurt Thornberry learned almost everything they know about mushrooms “on the search.” They will share their knowledge about mushroom varieties, growing areas, and how to find local edible mushrooms. The first class is an indoor lecture and will be held on the MCC campus. In the second class, you’ll be outdoors “on the search” with Andy and Kurt. Location and directions to the McHenry County spot for mushroom hunting will be provided at the first class.

Fee: $45  
# 8067  
Th 5/9  
7–8:30 p.m.  
Main Campus  
Sa 5/11  
8:30–10 a.m.  
Andy Andresky and Kurt Thornberry

**Mushroom Mission: Lecture Only**

Explore the wonderful world of mushrooms. Andy Andresky and Kurt Thornberry learned almost everything they know about mushrooms “on the search.” They will share their knowledge about mushroom varieties, growing areas, and how to find local edible mushrooms.

Fee: $29  
# 8068  
Th 5/9  
7–8:30 p.m.  
Main Campus  
Andy Andresky and Kurt Thornberry

To register, visit [www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment](http://www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment) or call (815) 455-8588.
NEW! The Art of Bonsai Gardening

Bonsai is both gardening and art. Rooted in Japanese and Chinese tradition, containers are used to grow small trees and some other plants. This beginner class will include a lecture that covers the basics, including plants that work well as indoor or outdoor bonsai, containers and soil choice, frequently used styles, and training the plant. All materials will be provided, and students will leave with a plant that they can continue to grow at home.

Fee: $45

Richard Tobiasz
# 8233  Sa  6/8  9 a.m.–Noon  Main Campus

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

# 7958  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7959  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7960  6/12–8/2  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

# 7962  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7963  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7964  6/12–8/2  24 Hours  Online

LANGUAGES

NEW! Spanish I

This class is for those with a basic understanding of Spanish who want to practice their conversation skills. You’ll focus on speaking, pronunciation, listening, and understanding through the culture of Spanish-speaking countries and people. We’ll use vocabulary, grammar, and verbs to understand the structure of the language.

Fee: $99

Veronica Petersen
# 8213  Th  4/4–5/23  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
# 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
# 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
# 7567 W 4/3–5/22 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
# 7569 M 4/1–5/20 6–8 p.m. 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
# 7968 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7969 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7970 6/12–8/2 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
# 7971 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7972 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7973 6/12–8/2 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
# 7974 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7975 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7976 6/12–8/2 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
# 7977 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7978 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7979 6/12–8/2 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
# 7980 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7981 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7982 6/12–8/2 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

- #7983 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
- #7984 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
- #7985 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online

**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 June 10–August 1. Other musical instrument lessons are also available. For more information about private music lessons, please call Paige Lush at (815) 479-7670.

Fee: $329

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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.

**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 Patricia Gaughan

- #8076 T 4/2–5/7 6–7 p.m. Main Campus

**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

- #8077 T 4/2–5/7 7–8 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

- #8199 W 6/12–7/31 7–8:50 p.m. Main Campus

**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.

Fee: $90

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PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

NEW! Maximizing Your Retirement: Navigating the Financial Landscape
Embark on your retirement journey with clarity and confidence by attending our workshop tailored for individuals aged 55+. Discover effective strategies for tax planning, navigating Social Security complexities, managing healthcare costs, securing reliable retirement income, and making informed decisions about your pensions. Led by a knowledgeable financial professional, this interactive session promises actionable insights to help you build a robust financial future.
Fee: $15 Mooney Lyons
# 8234 Th 5/9 6–8 p.m. SCC

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
# 7987 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7988 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7989 6/12–8/2 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
# 7992 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7993 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7994 6/12–8/2 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
# 7995 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7996 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7997 6/12–8/2 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
# 7998 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7999 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8000 6/12–8/2 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
# 8008 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8009 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8010 6/12–8/2 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
# 8011 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8012 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8013 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online

PHOTOGRAPHY

Cell Phone Photography (iOS)
Do you have an Apple phone 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 Alyssa Rivera
# 7540 W 4/10 6–8 p.m. SCC

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588
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
# 7541  W  4/17  6–8 p.m.  SCC

Digital Photography: 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
# 7543  W  4/24  6–8 p.m.  SCC

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
# 7537  Th  5/2, 5/9  6–8 p.m.  SCC
# 7545  Sa  5/18  3:30–6 p.m.  Off Campus

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
# 7937  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7938  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7939  6/12–8/2  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
# 7940  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7941  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7942  6/12–8/2  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
# 7943  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7944  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7945  6/12–8/2  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. The course offers simple, step-by-step instructions for basics like cropping, rotation, and sizing images. 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
# 7946  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 7947  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 7948  6/12–8/2  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
# 7949 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 7950 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 7951 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online

NEW! Introduction to Sailing with Captain Lar
Come sail with Captain Lar as he guides you over each wave to better understand the basics of sailing. In this five-week class, you will learn the different types of sailboats, proper knot tying, docking navigation and rules of the road, points of the sail, rigging, boat and water safety, and seamanship. Whether your goal is to sail in a small boat or cruise in a larger one this course will give you the foundation you need to head out on the water. This class is for beginners and those who are interested in a refresher before their next adventures.
Fee: $75 Larry Boyd
# 8178 Sa 4/20–5/18 10 a.m.–Noon SCC
# 8183 Sa 4/20–5/18 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

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
# 7475 Th 4/4–6/27 6–8 p.m. Main Campus

RECREATION AND SPORTS

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. Class dates: 4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12, 6/26 (6 classes)
Fee: $15 Dan Giallombardo
# 7657 W 4/10, 4/24 1–3 p.m. SCC
# 7657 W 5/8, 5/22 1–3 p.m. SCC
# 7657 W 6/12, 6/26 1–3 p.m. SCC

The Boys Who Were Giants
Can’t get enough March Madness? Listen to the unbelievable story of the Hebron Green Giants State Championship basketball team. This class is taught by someone who knew the players and has some family members who taught at Hebron High School. Learn about the boys who played and the coach who made them champions.
Fee: $15 Steven Aavang
# 8089 Th 4/4 1–3 p.m. SCC

Ode to Beethoven: The Man Behind the Music!
To this day, German-born Ludwig van Beethoven, who premiered his iconic 9th Symphony (Ode to Joy) 200 years ago, is the most listened-to creator of classical music. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life and times of this tragic genius who was as famous for his fiery personality as for his divine ability to turn his personal struggles into supreme and powerful melodies.
Fee: $15 Anette Isaacs
# 8093 W 4/10 6–8 p.m. Remote

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

McHenry County College is pleased to offer a series of remote classes in partnership with the College of DuPage, Harper College, Illinois Valley Community College, and Rock Valley College.

SENIOR INTEREST

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/personaldevelopment or call (815) 455-8588
Quick! Hide the Booze!

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

Fee: $15

NEW! Improv for Seniors

Embracing play and learning improv can have a transformative impact on adults’ personal and professional lives. Improv offers numerous benefits: It promotes creativity, enhances communication skills, and boosts self-confidence. Improv encourages adults to let go of their inhibitions and embrace spontaneity. By engaging in play, adults can tap into their inner child and experience joy and laughter. Play is important for adults as it reduces stress, improves cognitive function, and fosters social connections. Get outside of your comfort zone and play! No previous experience is necessary. Students will also have the opportunity to tour the backstage of the Woodstock Opera House. This class will include some physical movement. Classes will be held at the Opera House in Downtown Woodstock.

Fee: $20

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. Taking place 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 and land on the moon, such as learning to intercept and dock with other spacecraft, learning 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 need to have attended the previous session.

Fee: $15

Gorillas in Our Midst

Gorillas come to life in stories and pictures from the presenter’s three gorilla-tracking expeditions in the Congo’s Kahuzi-Biega National Park, Rwanda’s Volcanoes National Park, and Uganda’s Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Participants will learn about gorilla behavior, their similarities to us, and threats to their continued survival. Primatologist Dian Fossey’s life and work, as well as her still unsolved murder, will be discussed.

Fee: $15

NEW! Maximizing Your Retirement: Navigating the Financial Landscape

Embark on your retirement journey with clarity and confidence by attending our workshop tailored for individuals aged 55+. Discover effective strategies for tax planning, navigating Social Security complexities, managing healthcare costs, securing reliable retirement income, and making informed decisions about your pensions. Led by a knowledgeable financial professional, this interactive session promises actionable insights to help you build a robust financial future.

Fee: $15

Operation Freedom: The Berlin Airlift (75th Anniversary)

It was perhaps one of the greatest adventures in American military history: the Berlin airlift of 1948/49! When Soviet troops closed all access routes to West Berlin by land, sea, and rail, thus threatening the lives of 2.5 million people, American General Lucius D. Clay did not hesitate and organized a bold and fantastic bridge across the sky, involving 700 planes and more than 250,000 flights over a period of 14 months! Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of this exciting time in her country’s postwar history.

Fee: $15
First Around the World—Douglas World Cruisers

Three years before Charles Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis took their legendary flight to Paris, eight brave men and four aircraft attempted to become the first to circumnavigate the world by air. The 27,553 mile flight was met with disaster almost immediately when the lead aircraft and the flight commander struck a mountain in the Alaskan fog. The remaining flight experienced it all from blown engines, forced landings, a stowaway and much more. Come learn about this audacious record-breaking flight.

Fee: $15

Mike Frederiksen
# 8221 T 6/18 10–11:30 a.m. Remote

In Love with Freedom

Hear the fascinating story of a princess from Romania who had a deep love for her country and but faced unbelievable hardships in her lifetime. Despite being in the crosshairs of the Soviet Union, she was able to finally escape. 50 years later, she returned to a free Romania, her 100-year life at full circle. Through an engaging PowerPoint presentation and first-hand accounts, the presenter will share the story of Princess Catherine—and how she survived and accomplished so much in her life. A book written by the presenter will also be available.

Fee: $15

Steven Aavang
# 8092 Th 6/20 1–3 p.m. SCC

The Internet—A Part of Your Life More Than Ever Before

Beyond digital newspapers, email, Facebook, Amazon and eBay, there is a stunning array of resources available today to enrich our lives. From checking a new prescription for interactions with your other medications to replacing the battery in your key fob car remote, the Internet provides useful information at all levels of thinking. We will explore the expanding presence of the Internet in our lives and the benefits to older adults in their everyday search for knowledge, entertainment, and social interaction. Join us and learn how easy it can be to access helpful and fun resources on the Internet!

Fee: $15

Bob Bertolasi
# 8220 Th 6/27 10 a.m.–Noon Remote

Senior Hike: Coral Woods Conservation Area

Join a McHenry County Conservation District educator for a spring hike through the sugar maple forest of Coral Woods Conservation Area in Marengo. We’ll hike an easy 1.2 mile trail with a mostly flat surface, and stop along the way to talk about what makes this place so special — maple trees that produce maple syrup every year! Please dress for the weather and hiking, with sturdy shoes, and bring your own water. 7400 Somerset Drive, Marengo IL 60152.

Fee: $5

Nate Szkil
# 8229 F 4/26 10–11:30 a.m. Coral Woods M.C.C.D.

Senior Hike: Boone Creek Conservation Area

The 608-acre Boone Creek Conservation Area protects the headwaters, upland recharge areas, wetlands, and creek corridors of the greater 13-mile Boone Creek. Join us for an educational hike to learn about this picturesque site where several known state endangered animal species are protected from having their habitat developed, including the American Bittern, Black-Crowned Night Heron, Osprey, Forster’s Tern, Upland Sandpiper, Blanding’s Turtle, the Slippershell Mussel, and the state threatened Black-billed Cuckoo. Boone Creek location: 916 N Cold Springs Rd, Bull Valley, IL 60098.

Fee: $5

Nate Szkil
# 8230 F 5/31 10–11:30 a.m. Boone Creek M.C.C.D.

Senior Hike: Prairieview Education Center

The scenic backdrop of Prairieview Education Center is the landscape view of Silver Creek Conservation Area and its expansive acreage of wetland, prairie, and savanna communities. The wide-open view highlights a mixture of native grasses and colorful wildflowers, including compass plants, coneflowers, and many species of asters. Come along and join us on a morning hike through loop trails while enjoying natures beauty. Hike meeting location: 2112 Behan Rd, Crystal Lake, IL.

Fee: $5

Nate Szkil
# 8231 F 6/28 10–11:30 a.m. Prairieview M.C.C.D.

NEW! Mastering Vinyl Records: The 3 C’s (Collect. Care. Clean.)

Vinyl records are back—but knowing how to take care of them is key to keeping the great sound they produce. Hear from the Records Department team on how to begin your record collection, how to care for and maintain your records, how to properly clean them, and how to select the right record player. Bring one record to be cleaned during the class. Classes will be held at the Records Department located in the Old Courthouse in Downtown Woodstock.

Fee: $19

The Records Department
# 8177 W 4/24 6–8 p.m.
# 8237 W 5/22 6–8 p.m.
# 8238 W 6/26 6–8 p.m.
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

# 7558 Th 4/11, 4/18 6:30–8:30 p.m. SCC

Genealogy Basics

Learn to trace your family history and make it come alive. This course provides hands-on examples that help you dig deeper into your family’s past using several subscription-based websites that you will be able to access during the course.

Fee: $125

# 8226 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8227 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8228 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online

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

# 8014 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8016 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8017 6/12–8/2 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

# 8019 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8020 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8021 6/12–8/2 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

# 8023 4/17–7/12 48 Hours Online
# 8024 5/15–8/9 48 Hours Online
# 8025 6/12–9/6 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

# 8030 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8031 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8032 6/12–8/2 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

# 8033 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8034 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8035 6/12–8/2 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

# 8026 4/17–7/12 48 Hours Online
# 8027 5/15–8/9 48 Hours Online
# 8028 6/12–9/6 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-paced course with direct communication with the instructor. After registering, you will receive an email from the instructor directly within 2 weeks.

Fee: $79
Roxanne Boersma
# 7986 4/1–6/30 8 Hours 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
# 8036 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8037 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8038 6/12–8/2 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
# 8040 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8041 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8042 6/12–8/2 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
# 8043 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8044 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8045 6/12–8/2 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
# 8046 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8049 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8050 6/12–8/2 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
# 8052 4/17–6/7 24 Hours Online
# 8053 5/15–7/5 24 Hours Online
# 8054 6/12–8/2 24 Hours Online
Curiosity has a new name: LISI.

Meet LISI—that's short for the Liebman Institute for Science Innovation at McHenry County College.

LISI is the place for conversation and exploration of how things work. Through a series of groundbreaking programming, discussions, and partnerships, LISI provides relevant scientific information to help individuals make informed choices and decisions.

PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH LISI

The Science Behind It—Immersive Seminar Series
Immerse yourself into some of today’s most cutting-edge science topics. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from widely acclaimed experts in their fields, across a variety of topics.

LISI Lecture Series
LISI's seminal lecture series brings science to the forefront of our community and collective consciousness. Lectures will include a meet-and-greet with guest speakers and other refreshments.

Hall of Human Origins
The Hall of Human Origins offers critical insight into hominin evolution through the exploration of fossil evidence. This interactive exhibit is on permanent display in the Life Sciences wing of the Liebman Science Center (Building F).

Planetarium Showcases
MCC’s planetarium features a spectacular 8.3-meter dome with high-definition video and immersive surround sound. The planetarium is available for students of all ages, as well as the general public.

LISI-Sponsored Programs
LISI is a Science Olympiad sponsor and aims to make MCC the hub for Science Olympiad tournaments in the State of Illinois.

Learn more about LISI programming: www.mchenry.edu/lisi
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
# 8055  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 8056  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 8057  6/12–8/2  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
# 8058  4/17–6/7  24 Hours  Online
# 8059  5/15–7/5  24 Hours  Online
# 8060  6/12–8/2  24 Hours  Online

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Questions?
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*Please request a sign language interpreter or other accommodations at least 3 days in advance by contacting Access and Disability Services at disabilityservices@mchenry.edu or (815) 455-8766.
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
# 7927 F 4/19 8 a.m.–Noon SCC
# 7928 F 5/17 8 a.m.–Noon SCC
# 7929 W 6/12 8 a.m.–Noon SCC

FIRE SERVICE

Advanced Technician Firefighter
This course exceeds the requirements outlined by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and as defined by National Fire Protection Association 1001. The new curriculum focuses on the experienced firefighters who can lead a company, rather than be lead. The course includes ALL required hands-on practicum for certification, advanced skills for RIT, and 8 hours of live fire evolutions! For state certification, students are required to: Be certified as a Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter Pass the OSFM written exam (which will be scheduled through the student's department training officer) Have 3 years of fire service experience Beginning from certification date, have Fire Service Vehicle Operator Certification (FSVO), NIMS 200, Vehicle & Machinery Operations Certification (VMO), Courage to be Safe Certificate Be equipped with NFPA compliant PPE and SCBA Email your Company Sponsorship Form to careertraining@mchenry.edu.

Fee: $700 Randy Uidl
# 7723 M–Th 4/1–4/6 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Main Campus
# 7583 MTW 4/22–5/1 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Fire Protection Dist.

ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification
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 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. Book is included in class fee. Bring photo ID to class.

Fee: $189 Mark Halverson
# 7002 T 4/9 8 a.m.–5 p.m. SCC
# 8004 T 4/23 8 a.m.–5 p.m. SCC
# 8005 T 6/18 8 a.m.–5 p.m. SCC

To register, visit www.mchenry.edu/careertraining or call (815) 455-8588.
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
# 8006  T  5/21  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 Healthcareers Association (NHA) CPT 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
# 8142  MW  4/1–6/5  5–8 p.m.  Main Campus

EKG Technician

You’ll study basic to advanced concepts in EKG. These concepts include 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 how to troubleshoot 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 National Healthcareers Association (NHA) CET exam. 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

CNA Recertification

The 21-skills Recertification is given to those with permission from the Illinois Nurse’s Aide Registry to update their CNA status to “active.” You must have already taken a CNA course and finished it successfully. The purpose of the program is for skill testing only. According to the State of Illinois guidelines, the applicant will be given three attempts to pass any one skill. There is no guarantee of passing any one skill, although the student will be given every opportunity to succeed. Testing will be done by an Illinois Department of Public Health approved instructor. Following registration, you will be contacted by your instructor to arrange a specific date and time for the recertification. Contact careertraining@mchenry.edu or (815) 479-7879 with any questions.

Fee: $320  Connie Happ
# 6288  4/1–6/30

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
# 8002  W  5/15  2:30–6:30 p.m.  SCC
# 8003  W  6/5  6–10 p.m.  Main Campus

Heartsaver® First Aid CPR/AED/BBP

Practice critical skills needed to respond to and manage a first-aid, choking, or sudden cardiac arrest emergency until emergency medical services (EMS) arrives. Learn skills such as how to treat bleeding, sprains, broken bones, shock, and other first-aid emergencies. This course also teaches adult CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) use. It is appropriate for participants with limited or no medical training who need a course completion card in first aid, CPR, and AED use to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements. The BBP (blood-borne pathogens) portion teaches employees how to protect themselves and others from exposure to blood or blood-containing materials. This course is designed to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and is designed for anyone with a reasonable chance of coming into contact with blood-borne pathogens as a first responder in the workplace.

Fee: $125  Michelle Krysiak
# 8001  W  5/15  8 a.m.–2 p.m.  SCC

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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
# 8248 M–Su 4/1–6/30 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
# 8249 M–Su 4/1–6/30 7:30 a.m.–3:30 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
# 8250 4/1–6/30 100 Hours Online

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.
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- Campers make global connections as they set out on an epic operation to solve water challenges around the world.
- After personalizing a light-up laboratory on wheels, campers gather data, tap into ingenuity and use creative problem solving to help people and the planet.
- Campers find inspiration from patented water-based inventions, learning the important role water plays on our planet and becoming hydro heroes.
- Campers star on a prototyping game show where they embark on an innovative journey to discover the ultimate place to invent.
- After receiving a custom toolbox, campers generate new ideas, bringing them to life by transforming unique inventions, and collaborating with friends for rapid prototyping challenges.
- After refining their creations, they protect them with the power of intellectual property and win the game by learning that invention can happen anywhere.

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