



Academic Divisions, Programs,  
and Special Populations

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Adult Fast Track

Adult Fast Track (AFT) offers an accelerated approach to degree or certificate completion and is specifically designed to accommodate the needs of adults who lead busy lives and are seriously committed to continuing their education. AFT currently offers an Associate in Arts (AA) degree, an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Management and, beginning Fall 2011, select certificates. Students may also enroll in one or several AFT courses and apply the credits earned to all other COD degrees and certificate programs. AFT courses are offered in an eight-week format and students generally attend one regularly scheduled four-hour class session per week. Classes typically meet in the evenings from 6 to 9:50 p.m. and are currently offered at four convenient locations: the main campus in Glen Ellyn, and the Westmont, Addison, and Naperville Regional Centers. (Please note that all AFT classes may not be available at all locations.) Any student who is 21 years of age or older may enroll in AFT classes any time prior to the start date of a new eight-week session (as determined by his/her assigned registration date). For more information, call (630) 942-FAST or log on to [www.cod.edu/fast](http://www.cod.edu/fast).

### Field and Experiential Learning

Field and Experiential Learning courses include field-based, "hands-on" experiences that complement classroom curriculum. Courses take students out of the classroom to a variety of destinations locally, throughout the United States and around the world. For more information about Field and Experiential Learning, contact (630) 942-2356 or visit [www.cod.edu/ACADEMIC/field/field\\_Int.htm](http://www.cod.edu/ACADEMIC/field/field_Int.htm).

### Global Education/Study Abroad

Global Education serves the international and multicultural interest of the College through faculty and curriculum development, global organizations and cultural events. Study Abroad provides opportunities to earn college credit in a variety of disciplines while living and studying in countries around the world. For more information about Global Education/Study Abroad, contact (630) 942-2356 or visit [www.cod.edu/ACADEMIC/field/field\\_Int.htm](http://www.cod.edu/ACADEMIC/field/field_Int.htm).

### Honors Program

The College of DuPage (COD) Honors Program offers academically ambitious students courses that emphasize critical and creative thinking, providing them opportunities to delve deeper into course materials and gain insight through lively classroom discussions in an enriched learning environment. Our program is designed for new and current COD students who are highly motivated, enjoy learning and want to make the most of their college years and beyond.

Both full-time and part-time students may join the Honors Program at anytime. To become an honors student, a student must meet the following criteria:

College students must have completed no fewer than 8 semester college-level credits with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

Students new to college must meet one of the following criteria: high school cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or ACT score of 25 or above.

New COD students who meet the Honors criteria should visit the Admissions office in the Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2046 or call (630) 942-2380 to complete their registration. Current COD students who meet the Honors Program criteria should visit Counseling and Advising Services in SRC 2044 or call (630) 942-2259.

Tuition is not waived for Honors classes, however, COD grants a limited number of full-tuition scholarships to select students. Interested students may apply and compete for either the Presidential Scholars or Academic Scholars awards. For further information regarding these scholarships, please contact the Admissions office at (630) 942-2482.

Honors courses differ from regular courses by the type of work required and how the course is taught in terms of content depth, workload and pace. Honors courses promote advanced thinking skills, such as application and analysis. Most Honors courses fulfill the general education requirements that are part of the core curriculum for any major; some meet the elective credit hours needed to earn an associate's degree or complete a certificate program.

For a student to earn an Honors designation on their COD diploma/transcript, 15 credits of Honors courses must be earned which include completing an Honors seminar and/or Humanities 2210, Leadership Development, course. In addition, COD recognizes Honors Scholars each spring at the Celebration of Academic Excellence.

A COD Honors designation can open many doors for an Honors student who is continuing their education. Honors students enjoy a significant advantage when it comes to competing for transfer scholarships.

For further information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at (630) 942-3249 or visit [www.cod.edu/honors](http://www.cod.edu/honors).

### Workforce Development

Workforce Development efforts at College of DuPage are very comprehensive and integrated into how the institution serves students and communities in District 502. It is directly tied to the mission of the College through guiding principles and institutional priorities related to access, affordability, workplace readiness, career and technical education, community development, and obtaining skills associated with cutting-edge technology. The College establishes and maintains positive working relationships and special partnerships with area employers, non-profit agencies, industry and trade associations, school districts, and colleges and universities. Workforce Development educational opportunities and support services are focused on the needs of unemployed/underemployed residents in the area as well as those seeking a new career which requires specialized short-term training, and/or a college certificate or degree. For more information about Workforce Development, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at (630) 942-3249.

Note: Individuals who receive financial assistance through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to attend college should contact the Office of Admissions at (630) 942-2482 or the COD staff located at the WorkNet DuPage Center, 2525 Cabot Drive in Lisle, (630) 955-2070 for more information and assistance.

## BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Always aware of the current and emerging trends in business, industry and computer technology, the Business and Technology division prepares its students with the skills needed for success in the job market and with a solid academic base for continuing their education at a baccalaureate-granting institution.

Faculty program coordinators work closely with business and industry through advisory committees, creating state-of-the-art curricula and providing up-to-date information to students. Faculty have real-world experience that they bring to their classes, ensuring that students receive realistic career guidance and practical career skills.

Business programs include Accounting, Business/Management/Marketing, Paralegal Studies, Facilities Management, Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management, Travel and Meeting Planning, Real Estate and Business Law. Technology and information systems programs encompass Computer and Internetworking Technologies, Computer Information Systems, Office Technology Information, Library and Information Technology. Career programs focus on service and design industries, including Architecture; Automotive Service Technology; Construction Management; Cosmetology; Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Interior Design; Horticulture; Fashion Merchandising and Design; Manufacturing, Welding, Electronics Technology and Electro-Mechanical Technology.

### Center for Entrepreneurship

The Center for Entrepreneurship includes:

- The Small Business Development Center assists entrepreneurs and small business managers in the areas of business management, marketing, finance and operations, and assistance in disaster preparedness, including business continuity and recovery planning.
- The Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center is designed for increasing business with the government, or improving the current level of government contracting.
- The Illinois International Trade Center offers free market research and consulting assistance to Illinois companies that are interested in exporting their products or services.

For more information about the Business and Technology Division, call (630) 942-2592 or visit [www.cod.edu/Academic/Bus\\_Tech/](http://www.cod.edu/Academic/Bus_Tech/).

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AND EXTENDED LEARNING DIVISION

Non-credit classes are offered on campus in Glen Ellyn and at more than 25 off-campus locations including COD Regional Centers, high schools, local businesses and other convenient locations. Contact the Continuing Education Division for more information at (630) 942-2208 or visit [www.cod.edu/conted](http://www.cod.edu/conted).

Continuing Education/Extended Learning is designed to identify and meet regional educational needs and special interests of non-degree program students. Continuing Education/Extended Learning conducts rapid research and program development to serve the ever evolving educational needs/interests of the region's citizens and businesses. Flexible schedules, varied pricing, and multiple delivery models allow Continuing Education/Extended Learning to increase accessibility to education whether for personal enrichment or professional development.

Particular attention is paid to the non-traditional student, with an emphasis on connecting learning experiences and exploring career pathways. Continuing Education and Extended Learning also seeks to be a platform of exchange, connecting individuals, professionals, companies and organizations in support of educational outcomes that improve the quality of life and regional economic vitality.

## ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, GED PREPARATION, AND ESL

### Adult Education Program

Tuition-free Adult Education classes are funded by state and federal grants. Adult Education classes assist adults in becoming literate, in obtaining knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, in obtaining educational skills necessary to become full partners in their children's education, and in completing their secondary school education. Eligible participants in the program are adults who are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school and who lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills to enable the individuals to function effectively in society; do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent and have achieved an equivalent level of education; or who are unable to speak, read or write the English language.

### Adult Literacy and Basic Education

Tuition-free Adult Basic Education (ABE) courses serve adults who do not have a high school diploma and who need to develop basic skills reading, spelling, grammar, writing, math or problem-solving skills. Adults reading below sixth-grade level are advised to begin their GED Test preparation here. For more information, call (630) 942-3697.

### U.S. Citizenship

This tuition-free course serves adults who are preparing to take the test for U.S. citizenship. It provides an overview of American

history; federal, state and local government; U.S. customs, institutions, citizenship rights and responsibilities; and the Illinois and U.S. Constitutions. Instruction is restricted to English. For more information, call (630) 942-3697.

### Pre-GED Preparation

Tuition-free Adult Basic Education (ABE) courses serve adults who do not have a U.S. high school diploma and who need to refine their skills in reading, spelling, grammar, writing, math or problem solving. Many adults begin their preparation for the GED Test in the Pre-GED program. Recommended for adults reading at a 6.0 to 8.9 level. For more information, call (630) 942-3697.

### GED Preparation

Tuition-free General Education Development courses serve adults who lack a U.S. high school diploma, have a 9.0 reading level and need to prepare to take the GED test to earn a High School Equivalency Certificate. Instruction is offered in the six areas covered on the GED Test: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions. Instruction also prepares students to write the required essay. Instruction is available in English or Spanish. Recommended for students reading at least at a 9.0 level. For more information, call (630) 942-3697.

### Online GED Preparation

Tuition-free Illinois State authorized GED-I is used to help students prepare for the GED test via computer under the guidance of a College of DuPage instructor. To qualify for this online course, a student must score 9.0 in reading and 8.0 in math on the required placement test.

### Adult ESL

Tuition-free Adult ESL classes serve adults whose first or primary language is not English and who wish to understand, speak, read and write English for everyday use. Beginning through advanced-level courses are offered at locations throughout the district. This program helps adults engage more fully in the community and the workplace by improving their English skills. For more information, call (630) 942-3697.

### ESL Family Literacy

Tuition-free ESL Family Literacy is an integrated program of instruction that helps non-English language background parents learn the English language and other skills needed to become primary teachers for their children and economically self-sufficient. For more information, call (630) 942-3697.

### Adult Enrichment

These courses are designed to meet a wide variety of educational needs, life enhancement and recreation interests through Adult Continuing Education, Online Ed2Go, Daytime Classes, Older Adult Institute, Adult Basic Education/GED/English as a Second Language, and Test Prep.

Examples of courses offered include:

Acting	Knitting
Art	Languages
Automobile	Makeup
Beverages	Massage
Computers	Music
Cooking	Photography
Dance	Professional Education
Film	Religion
Finance	Sewing
Fitness	Test Prep
Gardening	Travel
Golf	Tutoring
Homes	Woodworking
Humanities	Writing
Jewelry	

### Early Childhood Education and Care Center

The Early Childhood Education and Care Center at College of DuPage provides educational experiences for students who are pursuing coursework in Early Childhood Education, Education, Psychology, or Speech and Language Pathology. Students may observe or interact with young children in the Center dependent on their class assignments. The classrooms are staffed by teachers who provide curriculum supportive of the developmental needs of children. The Center offers full-time toddler, preschool and kindergarten classes and part-time preschool classes, scheduled either all day (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or part day (8:45 to 11:15 a.m., Monday to Friday, or 1:15 to 3:45 p.m., Tuesday to Friday) and provides children time to play and learn in a class prepared to enhance their development.

Learning experiences and discipline techniques are appropriate for the age and development of each child. All classes provide play-based curriculum planned to foster the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of each child.

For more information about either enrolling of a child in the Early Childhood Education and Care Center or using the Center as an observation site, call (630) 942-4223.

### COD Business Solutions – Career and Professional Development

Business Solutions meets the evolving needs of regional employers and employees. Business Solutions offers affordable, customized contract training, healthcare certificate programs, Emergency Planning and First Responder courses, online Ed2Go and Gatlin certificates, Test Prep, as well as the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy.

### Older Adult Institute

The Older Adult Institute (OAI) is focused on continuing education for persons 55 years of age and older who seek intellectual stimulation. OAI provides a wide range of educational opportunities for the mature learner to satisfy curiosity, foster community and to support lifelong learning. Courses are offered at the Glen Ellyn campus and at several other convenient locations.

### Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)

The College of DuPage is proud to be the home of one of only six accredited law enforcement academies in Illinois. The Suburban Law Enforcement Academy is comprised of the Basic Academy and the Law Enforcement Continuing Education program. The Basic Academy conducts several 11-week cycles of instruction each year to train new recruits to become law enforcement professionals and also earn college credit. The Continuing Education program within the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy delivers a wide variety of non-credit law enforcement training opportunities to qualified law enforcement veterans throughout the district and beyond. For more information about Suburban Law Enforcement Academy programs and courses, please call (630) 942-2677 or visit [www.cod.edu/slea](http://www.cod.edu/slea).

### Youth Education

The Youth Academy offers a year-round, wide spectrum of enrichment and reinforcement opportunities to children and youth from 15 months through high school. The Youth Academy includes:

- The Early Childhood Education Center (Daycare and Kindergarten)
- Elementary, Middle School and High School Enrichment
- Explorer Camp
- Home Schooling
- Teen Extreme
- High School Credit (Advancement and Recovery)
- Talent Search
- Test Prep
- Tutoring

## HEALTH AND SCIENCES DIVISION

The Health and Sciences Division is comprised of five sub-divisions: Health and Biological Sciences, Nursing, Math and Physical Sciences, Physical Education, and Social and Behavioral Sciences. Information about each area is provided below.

### Health and Biological Sciences

Students in the Health Sciences and Biological Sciences sub-division are prepared for direct entry into professional, semiprofessional, technical and skilled employment. Some students, however, elect to continue their education through articulated capstone programs at baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities either at the time of graduation or after several years of clinical practice.

Knowledge and skill requirements are constantly changing in the health and sciences fields. The Health and Sciences Division keeps pace with these changes through an expert faculty with work experience and professional degrees, up-to-date technological resources, and the guidance of advisory committees comprised of representatives from business and industry, health and public service agencies, and institutions. Through these mechanisms the division strives to advise students about current job requirements and labor market conditions, facilitate employment, and meet the diverse manpower needs of the College district.

Located in a state-of-the-art facility, the Health and Science Center houses classrooms and laboratories. Supervised clinical health care experiences are provided at area hospitals and clinics. Due to the prerequisite education required, as well as limited technological and clinical resource availability, the College has special admissions processes for the following health care programs: Dental Hygiene, Health Information Technology, all Diagnostic Medical Imaging programs (Vascular and General Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, Radiologic Technology, Radiation Therapy, Mammography, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Care, Speech/Language Pathology Assistant and Surgical Technology. Candidates for these programs must submit applications with an application fee, and meet admissions criteria beyond that required for enrollment at College of DuPage. Group advising sessions are offered regularly for the majority of these programs. For information about admission into the various Health Sciences and Nursing programs, contact the Admissions office, (630) 942-2380.



Other health science career programs such as Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic, Long-Term Care Administration, Phlebotomy/EKG, and Physician Office Coding and Billing are open enrollment and, while do not require separate admission, do require verification of program requirements prior to admission. Additional programming in other areas is currently under consideration.

The biological sciences in this sub-division include Anatomy/Physiology, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Microbiology, and Zoology. These disciplines examine the components of the living world and their interactions with the physical world. Applications of the life sciences to the environment, the ecosystem and living organisms are an integral part of these courses. Chemistry is the science that deals with the composition, structure, and properties of substances and the changes they undergo. For more information, call (630) 942-8331 or visit [www.cod.edu/hsadmissions](http://www.cod.edu/hsadmissions).

### **Nursing**

Students in the Nursing Department sub-division are prepared to take certifying exams and enter a career in nursing as a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse or Certified Nursing Assistant. Additionally, opportunities exist for continued education both at College of DuPage and through articulated capstone programs at baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities either at the time of graduation or after several years of clinical practice.

Knowledge and skill requirements are constantly changing in the health science fields. The Nursing Department keeps pace with these changes through an expert faculty with work experience and professional degrees, up-to-date technological resources, and the guidance of advisory committees comprised of representatives from business and industry, health and public service agencies, and institutions. Through these mechanisms the division strives to advise students about current job requirements and labor market conditions, facilitate employment, and meet the diverse manpower needs of the College district.

The Nursing program is located in the Health and Science Center, a state-of-the-art facility that houses classrooms and laboratories. Supervised clinical health care experiences are provided at area hospitals, nursing homes and clinics. Due to the prerequisite education required, as well as limited technological and clinical resource availability, the College has special admissions processes for the Nursing Department programs. These include the Practical Nursing (LPN), Associate Degree Nursing (RN), and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) programs. Candidates for these programs must submit applications with an application fee, and meet admission criteria beyond that required for enrollment at College of DuPage. Group advising sessions are offered regularly for the majority of these programs. For information about admission into the various Health Sciences and Nursing programs, contact the Admissions office, (630) 942-2380.

Also, as a part of the admission process and/or prior to placement in the clinical setting, the student must complete select clinical participation requirements. These may include but are not limited to: CPR, Criminal Background checks, and meeting of health requirements, including drug screening.

For more information please check out these web pages:

- Nursing Department  
<http://home.cod.edu/academics/programsDegrees/nursing>
- Associate Degree Nursing  
<http://home.cod.edu/academics/programsdegrees/nursing/adn.aspx>
- Practical Nursing  
<http://home.cod.edu/academics/programsdegrees/nursing/lpn.aspx>
- Certified Nursing Assistant  
<http://home.cod.edu/academics/programsdegrees/nursing/cna.aspx>

### **Math and Physical Sciences**

The study of math provides the tools that enable an understanding of quantitative relationships found in business and technology, as well as natural and social sciences. Engineering combines the principles of sciences and math with the principles of problem solving to provide advances in technology. Physical science courses include physics and earth, space and atmospheric sciences offerings designed to teach natural laws and theories governing interactions of particles from the infinitesimally small to the astronomically large. The applications of the laws of nature to human endeavor continue to astonish learners. For more information, call (630) 942-2010 or visit [home.cod.edu/academics/healthandsciences/math](http://home.cod.edu/academics/healthandsciences/math)

### **Physical Education**

Physical Education prepares students who intend to study kinesiology, exercise science, sports, and teaching professions, as well as students who wish to take elective credit and obtain the knowledge, skills, and practical fitness experience that will enable them to achieve and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. Traditional and non-traditional students of all ages take classes through Physical Education to improve their personal wellness and learn how physical fitness, exercise, recreational and sports activities contribute to lifetime health and wellness. The Fitness Instructor certificate prepares students for successful completion of national certifying fitness instructor exams and entry-level positions in the health and fitness profession. For more information, call (630) 942-2364 or visit [www.cod.edu/studlife/physed](http://www.cod.edu/studlife/physed)

### **Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Faculty in the social and behavioral sciences seek to cultivate in students a broad perspective on human behavior, our cultural heritage and our relationships with others, our social institutions, and the environment. Eleven subject areas are included: Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Economics, Early Childhood Education and Care, Education, Geography, Human Services, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science and Sociology. In addition to imparting knowledge of academic disciplines, the faculty challenges the learner to critically examine values, ideologies, social structures, political arrangements and accepted assumptions. Degrees and certificates are offered in the disciplines of Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education and Care, and Human Services. For more information, call (630) 942-2010 or visit [home.cod.edu/academics/healthandsciences/science](http://home.cod.edu/academics/healthandsciences/science)

## **LEARNING RESOURCES DIVISION**

The Learning Resources Division encompasses a number of academic support departments, including the Library, the Centers for Independent Learning, the Online College, the Academic Support Center and the Testing Center.

### **Academic Support Center**

The Academic Support Center offers student support services in the areas of mathematics, writing, speech, reading and tutoring assistance. The services are free of charge and are meant to assist students who may be having difficulty completing their coursework in one or more classes. The center is staffed with college faculty and peer tutors. Students may access the services by scheduled appointments or walk-in. For questions, call (630) 942-3941.

### **COD Online (Internet Courses)**

Internet or online courses are designed to offer students a flexible alternative to traditional classes, which eliminates the constraints of fixed class schedules and locations. Although Internet courses are flexible, instructors expect regular participation, computer literacy and student-initiated contact. Some courses require a visit to a testing location for proctored exams. Internet courses contain the same content as the traditional classroom versions and are recorded on the student's transcript in the same manner. Courses needed to complete an associate's degree as well as several



certificates are available online. Students should visit the COD Online website at [www.cod.edu/online](http://www.cod.edu/online) for a current course list and specific technology requirements for Internet-delivered courses.

### Learning Commons

The Learning Commons provides Flexible Learning (Flex) courses, Testing Services, Tutoring Services, COD Library Resources, technological access and support as well as Reading, Writing and Math Assistance for students. The off-campus Learning Commons sites at the Bloomingdale, Naperville, and Westmont Centers provide digital library resources, a wide range of support services for students, learning software and technical assistance. Students are able to meet with an instructor, conduct research, obtain reference course assistance, tutorial assistance, write papers, take tests, work independently or collaborate in small groups on projects in a one-stop shopping mode.

### Flexible Learning (Flex)/Centers for Independent Learning (CIL)

Students may enroll in flexible, self-paced courses that fit their busy schedules and their lifestyles. Flexible Learning courses cover the same content and instructional goals as the classroom version and carry the full credit course listed in this *Catalog*. The content is delivered via printed materials, audiovisual media and the Internet. Course offerings include numerous courses in subject areas such as English, Communications, Foreign Languages, Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences.

These courses are listed in the *Class Schedule* as Flexible Learning Courses. These telecourse and appointment-based courses are offered through the Center for Independent Learning on campus in Glen Ellyn and at three off-campus Learning Commons which are located at the Bloomingdale, Naperville and Westmont Regional Centers.

The Center for Independent Learning and the Learning Commons are open day, evening and weekend hours at the following locations:

Center for Independent Learning — Glen Ellyn  
425 Fawell Blvd.  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599  
(630) 942-2131

Learning Commons — Bloomingdale  
Bloomingdale Regional Center  
162 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108-1435  
(630) 942-4900

Learning Commons — Naperville  
Naperville Regional Center  
1223 Rickert Drive  
Naperville, IL 60540-0954  
(630) 942-4750

Learning Commons — Westmont  
Westmont Regional Center  
650 Pasquinelli Drive  
Westmont, IL 60559-1252  
(630) 942-4850

### Information Literacy Instruction Program

The mission of the Library's Information Literacy Instruction Program is to teach students to be effective users and producers of ideas and information. The program provides students with varied opportunities for acquiring the needed knowledge and skills to become information literate. The program is administered through class sessions with library faculty, free workshops, and the library's Research 101 online tutorial <http://www.cod.edu/library/research/research101/>

### Library

The Library serves on- and off-campus programs at College of DuPage, providing teaching and learning materials to support and enrich students' educational experience. The 100,000-square-foot facility in the Student Resource Center on the Glen Ellyn campus provides comfortable seating, individual study space, group study rooms, public computers and AV equipment for use by students. The Library houses a wide variety of informational resources for students, faculty, staff and community members. These materials include more than 245,000 books, 500 periodicals, and many non-print materials such as DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks.

The Library's website, [www.cod.edu/library](http://www.cod.edu/library), is the gateway to a wide variety of library services and research resources. An online catalog provides easy look-up of library materials. Also available are many specialized research databases with factual information and references to journal, magazine and newspaper articles, many of them full text. These, too, may be accessed remotely by registered Library users. Every public computer in the Library also has full Internet access and a variety of applications such as word processing, spreadsheet and presentation software.

Library services include the circulation of print and non-print materials, reference service, library and information literacy instruction, interlibrary loan and access to computers. Specialized collections include the College and Career Information Center (CCIC) and the Natural Sciences Center, as well as a large and varied collection of historical and fine art prints displayed throughout the facility. The Circulation Desk provides borrowers' services, and checks out audiovisual equipment to students, faculty and staff. Classroom delivery of equipment is provided upon the request of the instructor. For more information about the Library and its services, call (630) 942-2350, or visit [www.cod.edu/library](http://www.cod.edu/library).

## Testing Center

The Testing Center serves community members and students. Various tests and inventories (including COMPASS Placement Tests, Credit by Demonstrated Competence, and other tests) are available to assist individuals in satisfying course, College or program requirements; identifying academic strengths and weaknesses; clarifying interests, values and personality traits; and completing a specialized testing need. For more information, please contact (630) 942-2400 or visit [www.cod.edu/testing/testing\\_center.htm](http://www.cod.edu/testing/testing_center.htm).

## GED Testing

College of DuPage is the official site for administration of the General Educational Development (GED) Tests for DuPage County residents. GED Testing offers adults who have not completed high school the opportunity to take the GED Tests and earn the Illinois High School Equivalency Certificate from the State of Illinois. The GED Tests are offered on a regular basis in English, Spanish and French. No formal preparation is required to take the GED Tests, however; individuals may take GED preparation courses through the College to prepare for the tests. For registration information, guidelines and testing schedules, contact the GED Testing office, (630) 942-2852. For information about GED preparation courses prior to taking the GED Tests, contact Continuing Education at (630) 942-2562 or visit [www.cod.edu/Academic/ABE\\_GED/](http://www.cod.edu/Academic/ABE_GED/).

## LIBERAL ARTS DIVISION

The Liberal Arts Division is comprised of three subdivisions: Communications, Fine and Applied Arts, and Humanities.

### Communications

Communications includes studies in English Composition, Developmental Reading and Writing, Creative Writing, Technical Writing, Linguistics, Literature, Journalism and Speech. These disciplines provide an educational framework within which students develop their abilities to think independently and to express themselves clearly, effectively and creatively. Instructors focus on the skills of communications and the contexts in which human expression occurs. Many of the courses in Communications satisfy the general education requirements for graduation and can be transferred to other institutions.

Students in Communications are provided educational opportunities to:

- develop effective listening, reading, speaking and writing practices;
- develop skills in acquiring, analyzing, synthesizing and evaluating information and ideas;
- develop creative expression and aesthetic insight;
- read closely and analyze texts thoughtfully;
- enhance awareness of and respect for personal, social and cultural diversity;
- consider multiple viewpoints and perspectives in forums requiring communication;
- explore various styles and genres and cultural contexts for ideas and texts;
- apply various tools and technologies to communicate effectively.

Communications faculty sponsor participatory activities, including the student feature magazine, the student newspaper, the student literary magazine and the Forensics team. For more information, call (630) 942-2047 or visit <http://home.cod.edu/academics/liberalArts>.

The Academic ESL program offers upper-level, tuition-based courses to prepare individuals for study at U.S. colleges and for professional employment in the United States. This program offers courses in listening and speaking, reading, writing and grammar. Language and culture courses focus on cross-cultural communication. For more information, call (630) 942-2047 or visit <http://home.cod.edu/academics/liberalArts>.

The English Language Institute (ELI) is an intensive ESL program for individuals who want or need to improve their English quickly for academic or professional purposes. The tuition-based program requires full-time study (12 credit hours) in integrated skills courses focusing on listening, speaking, reading, vocabulary, writing and grammar. Language and culture courses focus on cross-cultural communication. Community residents, international and foreign-born professionals, and F-1 International Students are eligible. Language assessment is required. For more information or to apply for admission, call (630) 942-2047 or visit <http://home.cod.edu/academics/liberalArts>.

### Fine and Applied Arts

Fine and Applied Arts encompass a broad range of arts courses and programs that provide students with an opportunity to create, perform, study and participate in the arts. Disciplines and programs in Fine and Applied Arts include transfer courses in the Fine Arts (Drawing, Painting, Computer Art, Ceramics, Jewelry, Printmaking, Sculpture), Music and Music Technology, Applied Music, and Theater. Many of the courses in the Fine Arts satisfy the general education requirement for graduation and can be transferred to other institutions. The applied programs include transfer and career and technical education training in Graphic Design, Graphic Arts Technology, Motion Picture/Television, and Photography. Both associate's degrees and certificates are offered in the applied arts programs.

Students in the Fine and Applied Arts are provided opportunities to:

- develop original ideas, tap creative impulses and create works of art;
- develop an appreciation for and insights into the visual and performing arts;
- develop analytical and evaluative skills and the ability to articulate critical insights into the arts;
- participate in theatrical and musical performances;
- study practical, commercial, historical, social and cultural contexts for the arts;
- study and employ appropriate tools, technologies and supplies in the creation of works of art;
- apply skills, talents and creative abilities, in public and practical settings;
- produce works of art for performance and visual display.

The faculty members in the Fine and Applied Arts are working artists and performers themselves, and those in the Applied Arts have industry experience. The faculty is committed to providing students with a full understanding of the arts and opportunities to participate in and perform in a broad range of student performance groups, including groups in music and theater, and in exhibiting work in the Student Art Gallery and other venues on and off-campus. For more information about the Fine and Applied Arts, call (630) 942-2048 or visit <http://home.cod.edu/academics/liberalArts>.

### Humanities

Humanities includes subject areas that address the question of what it means to be human. Subject areas in the Humanities include History, Humanities, Languages, Philosophy and Religious Studies. The study of Humanities frees students to think beyond personal and cultural boundaries and to consider informed actions that have constructive outcomes for the future. Many of the courses in Humanities satisfy the general education requirements for graduation and can be transferred to other institutions.

Students in Humanities are provided educational opportunities to:

- develop skills in analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of readings and writings related to the Humanities;
- develop an understanding of history, philosophy, religious studies, the arts and cultural contexts;
- develop an awareness of human spiritual, intellectual, social and political aspirations;

- develop insight into various cultures through the study of history, world languages, the arts, philosophical and religious texts;
- develop creative and critical thinking skills.

Humanities faculty are committed to providing high quality educational and intellectual opportunities that challenge students to reflect critically on themselves and the world around them.

For specific information about History, Humanities, Languages, Philosophy and Religious Studies, call (630) 942-2047 or visit <http://home.cod.edu/academics/liberalArts>.

#### McAninch Arts Center

The McAninch Arts Center (MAC) at College of DuPage is a state-of-the-art facility, housing three performance spaces, an art gallery and classrooms for the College's academic programming. This unique facility has presented theater, music, dance and visual arts to more than 1.5 million people since its opening in 1986 and last year welcomed more than 75,000 patrons from the greater Chicago area to more than 230 performances.

The MAC offers free parking and group discounts and is home to Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, and the New Philharmonic. The result is a collection of touring, resident and student ensembles that foster enlightened education and encourage artistic expression, promote a lasting relationship between people and art, and enrich the cultural vitality of the community.

The MAC's extensive community outreach program includes pre-performance lectures, classes with visiting artists and the SchoolStage program which provides area K-12 students with an interactive, educational arts experience. These and other efforts to increase community access to arts earned the MAC the Illinois Arts Council's Partners in Excellence designation which recognizes 40 of the most significant cultural institutions in the state. For more information, call (630) 942-3008 or visit [www.atthemac.org](http://www.atthemac.org).

