

NON CREDIT CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Through a variety of non credit programs and services, the School of Adult and Continuing Education seeks to efficiently respond to the diverse non degree educational interests and lifelong learning needs of individuals of all ages. These programs and services provide opportunities for acquiring or updating knowledge and skills for purposes of professional development and/or personal enrichment. They provide the School with an avenue for piloting innovative ventures, establishing new community-based partnerships and positioning itself on the leading edge of current issues.

Among the programs and services offered are open subscription seminars, workshops and certificate programs; customized in-house training and consultation for businesses and nonprofit organizations; and personal enrichment classes. Whether one's interest is in obtaining CE credits required to maintain current status in a particular occupation, learning new skills needed for a present position, retraining for a new position or filling leisure time in meaningful ways, the School has programs that will be responsive. Continuing education programs place heavy emphasis on quality, practicality, accessibility, affordability, timeliness, relevance and service. Most programs are open to interested students, faculty, alumni and the general public. All offerings contribute to the self-fulfillment and intellectual stimulation that are the rewards of lifelong learning pursuits.

Some programs carry continuing education units (CEU). The CEU is a nationally recognized method for measuring and recording participation in continuing education

programs that do not carry credit toward a degree and cannot be automatically converted to degree status, but do meet established administrative criteria. The CEU is defined as "ten contact hours of participation in all organized continuing education experiences under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction." Programs of less than ten contact hours in length can carry a percentage of a CEU. Individuals enrolled in a degree program which has a portfolio option or requirement at Barry University may include records of CE professional development training in their portfolio of learning from work experience. For further information call 899-3320.

The School of Adult and Continuing Education offers programs for mature adults (55 and older) through the Older Adult Opportunity Center (OAOC). The OAOC offers a unique "whole-person" approach to successful aging. Designed to inspire, educate and empower older adults to live their lives to the fullest -- intellectually, emotionally and physically -- the OAOC embraces the mission of Barry University.

In South Florida's ever-changing social economic and political landscape, there's a need for adult educational forums. The Center presents opportunities for learning, volunteerism and employment. It also offers social activities and includes a wider range of topics, from music and the arts, to finding a job, dealing with bereavement and life transitions, managing finances, computer literacy, elder law and healthy aging.

The OAOC is a premier provider of programming and advocacy for older adults.

