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If a course, program or event lists a specific refund policy or deadline on its program web page or registration form, then the program-specific policy supersedes the general policy listed on this page.

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What can UD do for YOU?

The University of Delaware's Division of Professional and Continuing Studies (UD PCS) provides educational opportunities for anyone seeking to begin or complete their college career, enhance their professional skills or enrich their personal life. UD PCS also provides customized training and educational services to area businesses, organizations and professional associations.

As the adult and nontraditional learners' portal to the University of Delaware, UD PCS serves thousands of students each year through UD credit courses and degree offerings, professional development courses, certificate programs, workshops and lifelong learning member cooperatives throughout the state.

Through UD PCS, the University of Delaware extends its vast resources, research, technology and knowledge to the community, the region and the world. UD PCS provides:

- · Academic advisement and career counseling.
- Credit courses and degree completion.
- Customized learning and executive education.
- Lifelona learning opportunities.
- Pre-college programs.
- Professional development programs and courses.

The UD Professional and Continuing Studies ACCESS Center

The ACCESS Center provides free academic advisement, registration assistance, information and student services resources and support for Continuing Education Non-Degree (CEND) and Graduate College Non-Degree (GCND) students, as well as prospective UD students. Advisors are available to help you achieve your educational and career goals.



ACCESS Center services and resources include:

- Academic advisement for current and prospective CEND and GCND students, including assistance with course/program selection and registration.
- Academic advisement and assistance for returning UD students wishing to complete a degree, visiting students from other institutions, UD alumni, UD employees and students wishing to explore options at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- Unofficial transcript evaluation, curriculum review and advisement for prospective undergraduate transfer students.
- Assistance with the University's admission and readmission processes.
- Information regarding UD resources and student services.
- Information on University policies and procedures.

Explore your options! Contact the ACCESS Center to schedule an appointment.

Email: access-advise@udel.edu · Phone: 302-831-8843 Visit: pcs.udel.edu/access

Credit courses and degree completion

Whether you are a high school student seeking the challenge of college coursework, an adult looking to start or complete a degree or someone interested in individual courses for personal, educational or professional enrichment, you may take UD courses as a non-degree student. You do not need to be admitted to the University to get started. As long as you meet the course requirements or prerequisites, many University courses are available to students not currently admitted in a degree program, and a variety of courses are offered online and in the evening.

- The spring semester begins Feb. 2.
- For the latest information regarding the UD academic calendar, consult **udel.edu/academics/registrar/calendar**.
- Ready to search for a course? Visit udel.edu/courses.
- Ready to register? Visit pcs.udel.edu/registration.
- For questions, advisement or assistance with registration, contact the Professional and Continuing Studies ACCESS Center at access-advise@udel.edu or 302-831-8843.

Over-60 free tuition benefit for Delaware residents admitted to an undergraduate or graduate program

If you are a Delaware resident age 60 or older, you may pursue a University of Delaware degree without paying tuition. You must apply and be accepted (matriculated) to qualify.

For more information, visit pcs.udel.edu/60-tuition-freedegree or contact the ACCESS Center at access-advise@udel.edu or 302-831-8843.



Lifelong learning opportunities

The University of Delaware hosts Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) programs in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties and online for adults to enjoy classes, teach, exchange ideas and learn together. Try out a new language, meet with a passionate discussion group, or revisit your favorite areas of study from the comfort of your home or on location. These volunteer-based academic cooperatives offer hundreds of courses each year, with no grades or exams and no educational prerequisites. To learn more, visit olli.udel.edu.

Customized learning

UD PCS is a leader in providing customized education programs to help your organization achieve its strategic training and employee professional development goals. Programs are developed by leveraging the best research-based and applied knowledge for your organizational needs. UD's customized learning team provides support for every aspect of a program, from conceptualization through implementation.

Customized learning and organizational training

Customized training programs are tailored to your organization's needs and can be delivered online, on-site or on campus for a cohort sized to your particular need.

A wide variety of topics are available from our portfolio of programs designed for an evolving workforce, including business, healthcare and other fields, as well as executive education programs that meet the specific needs of your organization. University of Delaware faculty and external subject matter experts provide exceptional learning opportunities for your team. Programs are customized to your company culture and can be developed from the ground up.

Comprehensive instructional design and course delivery solutions

Our expertise in instructional design techniques, technology applications and adult learning styles enables our educators to produce and deliver classroom-based and online programs tailored to your needs.

Professional executive coaching

We help organizations develop employee strengths, address challenges, improve productivity and increase job satisfaction. We design new coaching programs or enhance your existing ones, including professional and executive-level services. Customized learning is followed by a post-training survey to ensure outstanding learning outcomes.

Benefits to your organization

Trusting your organization's professional development to UD enables your employees to focus their efforts on core business issues that affect your bottom line.

Other benefits include:

- Strengthening your workforce through proven leadership programs.
- Optimizing work processes and increasing employee retention.
- Gaining a UD-backed credential and digital badge upon training completion.
- Improving relationships through diversity, teamwork and communications programs.
- Developing your workforce by providing a complimentary needs assessment to note areas of interest from employees.

Learn more at pcs.udel.edu/customized or contact Laura Valadakis at **Ival@udel.edu**.

Professional development programs and courses

UD PCS offers a variety of ways for you to build your credentials and move ahead in your career. Certificate programs, seminars and short courses provide you with practical knowledge and skills as well as resume-building credentials. Our faculty and adjunct instructors combine strong academic backgrounds with extensive real-world experience.

Our programs cover a wide range of in-demand training topics, such as arts and cultural entrepreneurship, project management, drone pilot exam preparation, instructional design, clinical trials management, dynamic leadership, technical writing, trust management and paralegal. We also have test preparation courses for the ACT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, SAT and Praxis and numerous self-paced programs that allow you to learn at your own pace. See Pages 7–11 for complete program listings.

Online learning opportunities through UD Online

The University of Delaware offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate credit courses online, from liberal arts to sciences—as well as more than 30 degree programs, certificate programs or professional development programs—and more are developed every year. Ranging from an associate in arts to an MBA or an M.S. in mechanical engineering, online programs from the University of Delaware are ideal solutions for students and professionals seeking to advance their education while accommodating their busy schedules. Learn more on Page 12 and at

udel.edu/academics/online.



EVAN KRAPE

LEARNING TO NAVIGATE TURBULENT TIMES WITH THE UD PCS POCKETMBA

Empowering innovation through strategic competitive intelligence

By Lisa Walenceus

Developing a drug that significantly improves patients' lives and meets their medical needs can take 10 to 15 years. In the fiercely competitive and complex process of bringing a new drug to market, Incyte—an innovative global biopharmaceutical company based in Wilmington, Delaware—must proactively prepare for the next wave of innovative treatments.

To tackle this challenge, Tom (Qingjiu) Tao, assistant professor of management at the University of Delaware's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, has designed a customized nine-month scenario planning exercise to empower Incyte teams to navigate the intricate landscape of drug development and launch, all within the framework of UD's Division of Professional and Continuing Studies (UD PCS) and Lerner College program.

Tao, the director of the PocketMBA program, considers the ability to gather, analyze and use information to make strategic business decisions a core capability for any company.

"People participating in our program want to bring good things to this world. To achieve that, a company must be a learning organization," he said. "The individuals who work at Incyte are a diverse group of smart, dedicated people, genuinely interested in addressing unmet medical

needs and making meaningful contributions. Their commitment to continuous learning and growth is part of what drives their success."

To help participants integrate competitive intelligence as an essential business practice and foster a mindset and culture focused on understanding the competitive landscape, forecasting potential futures and generating actionable insights, Tao and Incyte teams identified four plausible future scenarios based on two critical uncertainties in drug development.

In these distinct scenarios, teams of participants were challenged to make strategic, data-driven recommendations in response to various potential Food and Drug Administration (FDA) actions, competitor moves, industry developments and fluctuations in the economy and investment landscape. They had to consider significant factors in each context, including designing and implementing inclusive clinical trials, ensuring treatment safety and affordability, nurturing exceptional talent and adapting to global health trends—all while striving to streamline research and development (R&D) and production timelines to deliver urgently needed precision medicine as swiftly as possible. The teams included more than 50 employees from every aspect of the company's operations across the United States and Canada.

"The strategic planning project pushed us out of our comfort zone, far beyond what a typical case study would," said Pamella Galluzzi de Castro, senior manager of strategic sourcing, who develops sourcing strategies and maintains supply chains for the company. "We engaged in multiple discussions and considered the many different viewpoints of our colleagues, which was incredibly constructive, and it challenged our assumptions."

The collaboration with colleagues outside her daily scope proved to be enlightening for Carrie LaGreca, associate director of external manufacturing, as well. She found that the strategic planning project broadened her perspective on overall business operations, helping her understand how different aspects of the company function and why certain decisions are made.

"It was incredibly valuable to gain this broader view beyond my focus on manufacturing," she said.

Grace Wong, director of medical affairs at Incyte Canada, leads her team in forming scientific and research partnerships to enhance patient care and advance Incyte's scientific goals.

"The course is incredibly useful because it covers a wide range of topics and includes hands-on strategic exercises," she said. "The group project challenged us to consider how drug development must adapt to a changing landscape beyond our daily tasks. These insights are highly relevant to our ongoing efforts to create impactful solutions that improve patient outcomes."

Learning how to lead in a competitive healthcare environment is also a vital component of this PocketMBA program. Instructor Rita Landgraf, professor of practice and distinguished health services administrator at UD, helps participants identify strategies to enhance their leadership capacity.

"The PocketMBA program incorporates evidence-based research, practical strategies and engagement with a diverse group of faculty and professionals," Landgraf said. "Witnessing the final scenario project presented by individual cross-departmental teams was truly exciting. It was evident that participants not only gained valuable knowledge in leadership and strategic planning but also cultivated strong relationships to advance Incyte's mission."

The PocketMBA program embodies UD PCS' commitment to equipping professionals with the skills necessary to excel in dynamic business environments. By integrating competitive intelligence analytics and fostering essential soft skills, the program prepares participants to navigate and lead in rapidly evolving fields.

"The ability to anticipate and adapt to future challenges is crucial for success," Tao said. "Our PocketMBA program is designed to instill these capabilities, ensuring that professionals are prepared not only for today's demands but are also ready to drive innovation and growth in the future."

Learn more about the UD PCS PocketMBA at **pcs.udel.edu/ customized/capabilities**.





WHEN COMPANIES NEED EDUCATION. UD DELIVERS

By Eric Ruth

At business after business—schools, construction firms, hospitals—the University of Delaware is ambitiously aiming to become Delaware's vendor of choice for corporate human development training, designing and delivering custom classes at a moment's notice—"our place or yours."

It's aptly called the **Customized Learning program**, UD's answer to the growing demand for practical, pain-free, personalized employee training. Each year, businesses, nonprofits and even government agencies from various industry sectors enlist the kind of instruction usually studied by backpack-wearing, degree-chasing college students. Utilizing more than 1,500 faculty experts across UD, the program blends the University's service mission with immediate community application.

As clients juggle shifting workforce dynamics and evolving needs, UD's teams take a deep dive into their individual priorities, weaving together a course of instruction that can be customized at a near-cellular organizational level.

"We try to approach it in a team fashion and think of ourselves as being a thought partner to these organizations," says Laura Valadakis, UD's Customized Learning solutions manager. "We don't just go in and sell a product; we try to identify their needs and work together."

No matter the need or goal, UD can swiftly tap resources across its 10 colleges and schools to design practically any course, in any format: in person or online; recorded or live. In some cases, the program enlists external industry experts who bring an even sharper "real world" practicality to coursework.

A leading scholar in organizational behavior at the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, Dustin Sleesman prides himself on giving his Customized Learning students an experience every bit as rigorous and memorable as the one his undergraduates get.

"It's hard for people to articulate what the challenges are, what the pain points are, and often they merely say there's a 'communication' problem.' When I hear that, I want to dig deeper, says Sleesman."

To learn more, visit pcs.udel.edu/customized.

SHARED SUCCESS STORIES



FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE COURTROOM

UD PCS Paralegal Certificate graduates find careers at the Delaware Department of Justice

By Cori Burcham

While their paths to the Delaware Department of Justice (DDOJ) had different beginnings, Cynthia Good and Sepideh Tarighati became legal professionals through the same avenue: the UD PCS Paralegal Certificate program. The yearlong program, which trains adult learners in the delivery of legal services, gave Good, new to law, and Tarighati, a lawyer from Iran, the tools to pursue fulfilling legal careers from very dissimilar starting points.

Before enrolling, Good, a 2024 graduate and current legal administrative specialist for the DDOJ, successfully changed careers once before from education to accounting. After nearly two decades in accounting, she took a hiatus to homeschool her daughter and reentered the workforce seeking a new challenge.

"People had mentioned to me that because of my organizational skills and my attention to detail that I would make a good paralegal," said Good, who selected UD's program for its condensed format and cost-efficiency.

With no prior legal experience, Good recalls UD's program gave her an introduction to the field overall and helped hone the skills she'd need to pursue any legal administrative role. She was particularly inspired by the paralegals and administrative specialists who visited her final module, Criminal Law and

Procedure, taught by William Leonard, deputy attorney general for Delaware.

Initially struggling to find a paralegal position, Good's connection to the program led her to secure an administrative specialist role in the Criminal Division, Leonard's department. While she wasn't selected at first, she was Leonard's first call when the position reopened.

"I interviewed in the fall, and wasn't hired until six months later," joked Good, who became colleagues with a favorite teacher.

Tarighati, a 2020 program graduate and current paralegal for the DDOJ's Fraud Division, overcame many personal and professional obstacles to return to her legal career. After earning her master's in law, Tarighati practiced in Tehran for a few years before emigrating to the U.S. in 2014.

"I wanted to start again—to go to law school—but I realized that would be a long shot for me," said Tarighati, uncertain about the academic commitment whilst learning a second language.

After attending UD's English Language Institute (ELI), Tarighati decided PCS' Paralegal Certificate was a more realistic way to reenter her profession. Although she planned to enroll a year prior, Tarighati delayed after she became pregnant with her daughter, and didn't start classes until

mid-2019. About halfway through the program, another unforeseeable impediment arose: the COVID-19 pandemic.

Balancing online learning, a newborn and her coursework, Tarighati admits she considered dropping out if it weren't for the guidance of Monica Horton. A judge in the Delaware Court of Common Pleas and former UD instructor, Horton taught her first module, Introduction to Law for Paralegals. Struggling with the language barrier, Tarighati was encouraged by Horton to continue, giving her pep talks at the end of each class.

Since graduating from the program, both alumnae have found fulfillment at the DDOJ in careers that continue to grow.

"While I'm happy in my current role ... I would like to move into a paralegal position at some point," said Good. In the meantime, she views her contributions as a small, but integral part of the justice system.

Tarighati is happiest when she's connecting with the plaintiffs, recalling a time when she helped victims of board prosecutions and, more recently, those affected by criminal fraud cases.

"I know they're struggling and in really bad situations," said Tarighati, who found her purpose supporting clients through difficult times.

LAUNCHPAD TO THE FUTURE



EXPLORING FUTURES

UD PCS' pre-college programs spark passion and possibility

By Lisa Walenceus

Last summer, high school students from across the country gathered at the University of Delaware's Newark campus for one-week immersive programs in Forensic Science or Autonomous Driving through the Division of Professional and Continuing Studies (UD PCS). These pre-college summer programs offer students a glimpse into realworld STEM careers—and a head start on their college journey—guided by researchers at the forefront of innovation through engaging, hands-on experiences.

For Olivia Stany, a junior from Tennessee, the summer experience was a turning point.

"UD's program stood out because it explored every aspect of forensic science in depth. Hands-on experiences like DNA fingerprinting and electrophoresis, combined with insights from professionals in the field, helped me discover what I'm truly passionate about and gave me a clearer vision for college and beyond," she said.

The Forensic Science program immerses students in the full spectrum of investigative science—from crime scene analysis and lab techniques to courtroom procedures. Led by UD faculty in the Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences and real-world forensic experts from the Delaware State Police and Division of Forensic Science,

students work in state-of-the-art labs and visit active crime labs and police units.

"Hearing the stories from professionals like Anthony DiNardo [Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) section administrator for the Delaware State Police, State Bureau of Identification] made me want to pursue forensic science even more," Stany said. "One case he shared—involving fingerprinting in a homicide investigation—was both horrifying and fascinating. It showed me how impactful and complex this work really is."

Delaware senior C.J. Schaffer, like Stany, discovered just how impactful hands-on learning can be when forensic science is brought to life through real-world experiences.

"I thought it would be mostly lectures, but from the very first day we were in the lab, using the same equipment college students use," Schaffer said. "Touring the State Forensic Department was eye-opening—we saw the labs, the freezer rooms, and even spoke with the head of the morgue while he was in full scrubs, actively working. It felt surreal. Being on UD's campus and working in real college facilities made everything feel tangible. I could actually see myself here, studying this field. That realization was one of the most valuable parts of the experience."

The Autonomous Driving Academy offers a deep dive into robotics, programming and



Forensic Science students work in a UD lab.

artificial intelligence. Students collaborate in teams to build sensor-packed car models and program them to navigate obstacle courses—all under the guidance of researchers from UD's Connected and Autonomous Research Laboratory (CAR Lab).

"I've been coding since I was 6, and I wanted to go beyond the limits of what I could do in robotics competitions," said Hanyu Zhang, a ninth grader from Washington state. "The autonomous driving program was great because we got to work with advanced sensors like 360-degree LiDAR and AI models that helped our robots detect obstacles like stop signs and construction cones. That really excited me—it was exactly what I was looking for."

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NONCREDIT COURSE | ONLINE

Arts and Cultural Entrepreneurship Certificate

The ACE Certificate is an innovative initiative designed to equip learners with essential business knowledge, skills and entrepreneurial tools to thrive in all sectors. Participants will obtain foundational knowledge to manage and run a business as well as digital and social media marketing tools and skills to market and promote a business.

Participants begin to build their robust foundation in business acumen by taking 11 free, short, self-paced online courses provided by the Delaware Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Small Business Administration (SBA). They then enroll in three UD PCS digital and social media marketing courses.

SCHEDULE: Self-paced class can be started anytime.

PRICE: \$1,650, UD students and graduates can receive a \$1.000 scholarship. See website for additional discounts.

pcs.udel.edu/ace-certificate

NONCREDIT COURSE | ONLINE

Advanced Social Media Marketing for Facebook

Every organization can benefit from a Facebook presence. With more than 3 billion monthly users, Facebook gives businesses, nonprofits, government agencies and nongovernmental organizations many ways to promote their mission, products and services; increase support and outreach; and boost sales and recognition.

Designed for students with fundamental to midlevel social media marketing skills, this program delves deep into the intricacies of Facebook marketing, offering participants hands-on experience in leveraging advanced features. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of how to use Facebook to plan and create a cohesive and effective marketing strategy.

SCHEDULE: Self-paced class can be started anvtime.

PRICE: \$750. See website for discounts. pcs.udel.edu/socialmedia

NONCREDIT COURSE | ONLINE

Advanced Social Media Marketing for Instagram

With more than 2 billion monthly users, Instagram is the ideal social media marketing platform for small businesses, service industry organizations, tourist destinations and more. In this course for participants with fundamental to midlevel social media marketing skills, students receive in-depth, hands-on experience researching, developing, executing and analyzing comprehensive Instagram marketing strategies. They will learn how to design and launch Instagram ad campaigns, optimize an Instagram profile, set effective social media goals, develop a distinctive brand voice, boost engagement with Reels and Stories, promote products, hold classes and host live Q&A sessions using Instagram's live video.

SCHEDULE: Self-paced class can be started anytime.

PRICE: \$750. See website for discounts. pcs.udel.edu/socialmedia

NONCREDIT COURSE | ONLINE

Advanced Social Media Marketing for LinkedIn

With more than 930 million members worldwide, LinkedIn is arguably the premier social media tool for business-to-business marketing. Designed for participants with fundamental to midlevel social media marketing skills, this course covers optimizing a business profile or company page, creating custom content, building brand awareness and more.

Participants receive in-depth. hands-on experience researching, developing, executing and analyzing comprehensive LinkedIn marketing strategies. They will learn how to use LinkedIn to tell their company's story, promote products or services and use branded video campaigns to increase awareness and engagement.

SCHEDULE: Self-paced class can be started anytime.

PRICE: \$750. See website for discounts. pcs.udel.edu/socialmedia

CREDIT DEGREE | ONLINE

Associate in Arts Online

The Associate in Arts Online is a liberal arts degree representing completion of approximately half of a UD bachelor of arts degree. If you have previous college credit, it may be transferable into the program, and you can begin taking courses before formal admission to the degree. Consult with an ACCESS Center advisor to choose courses and customize your program.

CONTACT: access-advise@udel.edu 302-831-8843 pcs.udel.edu/associate-arts-online

CREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE OR IN-CLASS

Business Essentials Certificate

Through courses offered both online and on campus, students and working professionals can earn this business-related certificate. The program consists of four targeted courses from UD's Alfred Lerner College of **Business and Economics:**

- Economic Issues and Policies
- Introduction to Business
- Survey of Accounting
- Fundamentals of Finance

CONTACT: access-advise@udel.edu 302-831-8843 pcs.udel.edu/essentials



NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE

Clinical Trials Management Certificate

Opportunities in the field of clinical trials management are many and varied, including clinical research, regulatory compliance, scientific writing, marketing and data management. Employment settings include pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device companies, contract research, hospitals, educational institutions and independent contractors. Designed for professionals with a strong science- or healthcare-related background. this program covers site management, data management, U.S. regulatory implications, safety and auditing, and marketing a product. It includes core concepts consistent with the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) certification exams. a valuable credentialing opportunity for clinical research professionals.

SCHEDULE: February 9-May 15, 2026 **PRICE:** \$2,350. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/clinical-trials**

NONCREDIT COURSES | LIVE-ONLINE

College Test Preparation Courses

UD test prep courses are intensive programs that provide students with the tools they need to excel on their ACT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, SAT and Praxis exams. Students receive an in-depth review of the exam, insight into success strategies and a comprehensive study plan. An official study guide, online workbook and additional resources are provided. These programs are offered in partnership with Educational Testing Consultants (ETC), a leader in higher education test preparation.

LOCATION: Courses offered live-online. See website for details.

PRICE: See website for current pricing and discounts.

pcs.udel.edu/test-prep

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | HYBRID

Dynamic Leadership Certificate

Take a step toward becoming a more insightful leader by developing your own leadership identity and improving your personal and professional effectiveness. Designed for new or emerging leaders, this 13-week personalized certificate program gives participants individualized strategies to build strong professional relationships and to lead high-performing teams.

Taught by distinguished UD faculty and expert practitioners, the program focuses on three crucial pillars of leadership: leading self, leading others and leading the organization.

SCHEDULE: Wednesdays, January 28–May 13, 2026. See website for schedule of in-person, live-online and self-paced sessions.

PRICE: \$3,500. See website for discounts. Group rates available.

pcs.udel.edu/dynamic-leadership

NONCREDIT COURSE | ONLINE

Foundations of Digital Marketing

Learn how to incorporate digital platforms into your marketing mix and meet your audience online. This course introduces participants to the foundational concepts of digital marketing and provides the skills needed to distinguish among digital opportunities, develop a brand standard, discover target audiences and more. Foundations of Digital Marketing is designed for anyone involved in the planning, implementation or measurement of digital strategies, or who would like to pursue a career in these areas.

SCHEDULE: Self-paced class can be started anytime.

PRICE: \$650. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/digital-marketing**

NONCREDIT COURSE | ONLINE

Foundations of Social Media Marketing

Designed to keep pace with today's ever-changing digital landscape, this program introduces participants to leveraging social media to build and extend brand awareness, increase visibility. engage current and potential customers, cultivate brand ambassadors, gain new customers, promote growth and support organizational agals. The program is ideal for business owners who want to utilize or optimize social media marketina to reach their clients, aspiring social media managers, marketing and communication professionals, sales professionals, or anyone looking to start a social media marketing business.

SCHEDULE: Self-paced class can be started anytime.

PRICE: \$650. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/socialmedia**

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE

Instructional Design Certificate

Instructional design focuses on the development and creation of effective and engaging e-learning and digital training across a broad range of industries, such as healthcare, education, technology and more. Designed for anyone who wants to apply instructional design principles to create an effective digital learning experience or become an instructional designer, this program provides a hands-on, applied training method with the opportunity to build a portfolio of instructional design projects. It takes an estimated 10 months to complete the program's three courses:

- Foundations of Instructional Design
- Curriculum Development for Instructional Design
- E-learning and Course Development for Instructional Design

SCHEDULE: Starts February 2, 2026 **PRICE:** \$4,990 (3-course series). See website for discounts.

pcs.udel.edu/instructional-design

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE/IN-CLASS

Nonprofit Leadership Certificate

In these challenging times, there is a great opportunity to make a difference in the world with a career in the nonprofit sector. Gain an understanding of nonprofit organizations and the issues managers face in this impactful and growing field. Participants will be exposed to several areas of responsibility for nonprofit leaders, including strategy, board governance, budgeting, fundraising, grant writing, managing employees and volunteers and more. The course is taught online using a combination of synchronous and asynchronous methods. Synchronous content includes class discussions and activities via Zoom.

SCHEDULE: February 5-May 14, 2026 (Program meets for eight full-day sessions at 100 West 10th St., Community Services Building, Wilmington, Del., and seven half-day sessions online.)

PRICE: \$2,750. See website for discounts and organizational pricing.

pcs.udel.edu/nonprofit-training

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | HYBRID

Paralegal Certificate

Paralegals fill a vital role in the legal community, and for more than 45 years, UD's program has been preparing legal assistants and paralegals in the region. Opportunities for paralegals are projected to continue expanding in the public sector, corporate legal departments, insurance companies, real estate and title insurance firms, banks and more. Led by a faculty of experienced attorneys and judges covering the American system of law, court systems and procedures, legal research and writing, and the major branches of law, the program receives frequent outreach from area firms seeking paralegals.

SCHEDULE: September 2, 2026—August 11, 2027, Mondays (live-online)/Wednesdays, (Wilmington, Delaware), 6-9 p.m.

PRICE: \$4,250, textbooks additional. See website for discounts and scholarships.

pcs.udel.edu/paralegal

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE

Peak Trust Management Certificate

Designed for professionals seeking a robust foundation of the knowledge required to work in the field of trust management, this program helps fulfill the growing demand for qualified trust professionals. Participants are provided with fundamental understanding of trust law, fiduciary income taxation, individual income taxation, trust operations systems. trust compliance and trust investment management. The course is intended for adult learners with prior formal education who are either looking to transition into the wealth management and trust administration field or seeking to advance their careers within the industry. Upon completion, students will be qualified to work as entry-level trust professionals in the U.S.

This program is made possible through the generosity of Peak Trust Company.

SCHEDULE: February 2-April 10, 2026, with live-online sessions scheduled noon-1 p.m. on four Fridays and one Monday. Visit website for details.

PRICE: \$4,500. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/peak-trust-management**

NONCREDIT COURSE | LIVE-ONLINE

Professional Drone Pilot: Ground School and FAA Part 107 Test Prep

Legally flying a drone for commercial use requires a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 remote pilot certificate, for which this intensive live-online course is designed to serve as an exam preparation experience, as well as a primer for anyone wanting to learn the basics of drone flying and applicable regulations. Led by an experienced flight instructor, the course provides comprehensive online training by addressing regulations, airspace, weather, loading and performance, operations and other vital topics.

SCHEDULE: Saturday, February 28, Sunday, March 1 and Saturday, March 7, 2026, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

PRICE: \$395. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/drones**

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | LIVE-ONLINE

Project Management Certificate

Successful companies and organizations in all fields use project management to achieve breakthrough results. Whether you are new to the project management discipline or looking to formalize your project management experience, this program is designed to help you acquire a set of functional tools and techniques that can immediately be applied in the workplace. Students are taught current foundational knowledge and have an opportunity to earn professional development units (PDUs) required by the Project Management Institute (PMI®) to maintain certifications or earn contact hours to apply for a certification exam. Principles from the PMBOK® (A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge®), the PMI® Agile Practice Guide and other relevant sources are applied.

SCHEDULE: Wednesdays, February 4-April 8, 6-9:30 p.m.

PRICE: \$2,750. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/project**

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE

RN Refresher Online Program

Have you been out of active nursing practice? Do you wish to update your nursing knowledge and return to a clinical setting? Does your state board of nursing require a refresher course for licensure reactivation? Designed to help you expand your nursing options, UD's RN Refresher Certificate includes an online didactic component providing the latest updates in evidence-based nursing practice and patient care management, as well as a clinical component consisting of preceptored adult medical-surgical clinical hours in your location or state (optional for nurses with active licenses).

SCHEDULE: 15-week didactic component begins February 2, 2026.

PRICE: \$1,400, textbooks and additional fees may apply. See website for discounts.

pcs.udel.edu/rn-refresher

NONCREDIT COURSES | ONLINE

Self-Paced Programs

In collaboration with MindEdge, a leader in online education founded by Harvard University and MIT educators in 1998, we offer programs that allow you to learn anytime, anywhere. Courses are offered in professional exam preparation, business communication, project management, human resources, business, finance and other in-demand areas. Check our website for the full list of offerings.

PRICE: See website for pricing and discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/self-paced**

NONCREDIT CERTIFICATE | ONLINE

Technical and Professional Writing Certificate

Today's complex communication dynamics demand writers who are skilled in making highly specialized knowledge more accessible and usable. As one of the few technical and professional writing programs in the region, this certificate program lays the crucial foundations of effective communication.

Complete the full three-course certificate, or register for courses individually:

- Foundations of Technical and Professional Writing
- Document Design and Data Visualization
- Advanced Topics in Technical Writing

SCHEDULE: Self-paced classes can be started anytime.

pcs.udel.edu/technical-and-professional -writina



PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

NONCREDIT PROGRAM | IN PERSON

Autonomous Driving Academy Pre-College Summer Program

Created in collaboration with the Connected and Autonomous Research Laboratory (CAR Lab) at the University of Delaware and UD's Department of Computer and Information Sciences, this competitive, application-based program immerses participants in the rapidly evolving field of autonomous vehicle technology. The course is tailored for high school students eager to gain a deep understanding of the core principles and practical applications of autonomous driving systems.

Essential topics such as vehicle control fundamentals, sensor technology and the programming tools vital for autonomous systems, including ROS, Python and C++, are covered. Attendees will learn about the parts, pieces and systems of autonomous robots and work with a team to implement and optimize autonomous driving systems that simulate real-world scenarios.

SCHEDULE: July 6-10, 2026, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Newark, Delaware

PRICE: \$2,500. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/autonomous-driving**

NONCREDIT PROGRAM | IN PERSON

Forensic Science Pre-College Summer Program

Take on the challenges critical to providing evidence that solves a criminal case in this one-week program designed for high school students interested in real-world forensic techniques.

In this noncredit program led by UD faculty and forensic experts from the Department of Medical and Molecular Sciences, students will experience what it's like to work a crime scene and process evidence in state-of-the-art laboratories at the University of Delaware and off campus.

SCHEDULE: June 22-26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Newark, Delaware

PRICE: \$1,995. See website for discounts. **pcs.udel.edu/forensic-science**



UD Credit Courses for High School Students

High school students interested in taking credit courses as Continuing Education Non-Degree (CEND) students are required to schedule an appointment with an ACCESS Center academic advisor. ACCESS advisors are available to answer questions, offer guidance and assistance with course selection and registration, and provide required forms.

HOW TO GET STARTED

Contact the ACCESS Center to make an appointment with an advisor prior to enrolling in a course.

CONTACT: access-advise@udel.edu or 302-831-8843

pcs.udel.edu/pre-college

UD Dual Enrollment: Earn college credits while still in high school

Through established partnerships with participating high schools, academically qualified juniors and seniors can simultaneously earn high school and college credits by taking designated University of Delaware courses.

Students can:

- Learn from expert UD faculty
- Start on college while saving time and money
- Gain experience taking college-level courses
- Take courses not available at their schools
- Enhance their college applications

Check out the variety of options available for dual enrollment at pcs.udel.edu/high-school-dual-enrollment

Contact your school's guidance office to find out if your school participates in UD Dual Enrollment.

UD Early College Credit Program

Academically qualified juniors and seniors from participating Delaware public, charter and private high schools may take UD general education courses offered through the UD Early College Credit Program at no cost, simultaneously earning both high school and college credit. Upon successful completion of courses, students are awarded college credit. For those students who are admitted to UD, these credits will decrease the time to completion and the cost of a UD bachelor's degree. Students can also apply UD credit toward degrees at other universities and colleges, pending approval by the receiving institutions.

pcs.udel.edu/early-college-credit-program

Contact your school's guidance office to find out if your school participates in the UD Early College Credit Program.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

UD Montessori Teacher Residency (UDMTR)

Building a Montessori learning community begins with the Montessori teacher. UD's Montessori teacher training program combines in-school teacher residency with coursework and is accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) for Elementary I and Elementary I/II. UDMTR's Primary and Elementary II programs prepare Montessori teachers for ages 3-6 and 6-12, respectively. UDMTR is a MACTE applicant in good standing for these programs and is relevant for public and independent Montessori schools and teachers interested in training for the Montessori classroom or expanding Montessori opportunities in their schools. The UD Montessori Teacher Academy also provides customized support, coaching and professional development to existing Montessori programs.

SCHEDULE: New elementary and primary teacher cohorts launch each July. Contact us to discuss enrolling or for customized school programming and support.

pcs.udel.edu/montessori

Exploring Futures

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Beyond technical skills, both programs emphasize college readiness and personal growth. Students earn a digital badge and personalized reference letter for college applications, while also building essential soft skills like teamwork, communication and critical thinking.

"What surprised me most was how much creativity goes into research," said Haramrit Bal, a junior from California. "I used to think experiments were just about following a set of steps, but designing a good one takes trial and error—and a lot of innovation. You have to approach problems from new angles to discover solutions you hadn't considered before. The hands-on work was not only fun but incredibly satisfying when everything came together."

Beyond lab work, students also form lasting friendships and connections.

"Having an open mind really helped me during the program. Working in teams and hearing different perspectives—especially from students from other states—was eye-opening," Stany said. "We even started a group chat to share ideas and plan our projects. That experience definitely improved my teamwork and communication skills, and the support from faculty boosted my confidence. I felt safe and encouraged every step of the way."

For Bal too, the teamwork involved was especially valuable. "I got to hear different perspectives from people with diverse backgrounds. It also helped me become more confident speaking in group settings and presenting my findings. Collaborating with experienced peers helped me grow, and I've carried that experience over to my own robotics team."

For many students, seeing cutting-edge research firsthand was a pivotal moment in their perspective on STEM careers.

"We got to see what each professor was working on, which was amazing," Zhang said. "One was developing a voice-controlled wheelchair to help move patients, and another was building a simulation environment for testing self-driving cars. It was inspiring to see how their research connects to real-world problems."

As the demand for skilled professionals in STEM fields continues to grow, programs like these help students envision their future—and take the first steps toward it.



Autonomous Driving Academy students work in teams to implement and optimize their autonomous driving systems.

"The program gave me a real sense of what engineering is like, not just being told what to do but solving problems and creating solutions. It strengthened my passion for engineering," Zhang said. "With AI and robotics advancing so quickly, I realized I can't ever get complacent. I always have to keep learning and improving. This program helped prepare me for that mindset."

While Zhang found inspiration in the evolution of engineering and technology, Schaffer's experience prompted deeper self-reflection about the realities of working in forensic science.

"Something I learned in the program that I didn't know previously was that working in the field of forensics means you have to be able to testify in court, which is really high pressure," Schaffer said. "So, reflecting on my strengths and challenges, I'll have to learn how to push through that; that's going to be something that I have to work through."

For students eager to explore careers in biomedical science, criminal justice, robotics or AI, UD PCS pre-college programs offer more than just summer learning—they offer inspiration, direction and a glimpse into what's possible. At UD, summer isn't just a season—it's a launchpad.

PROGRAM DATES AND REGISTRATION

The summer 2026 Forensic Science program will run from June 22–26, and the Autonomous Driving Academy is scheduled for July 6–10. Both programs are held on the University of Delaware's Newark campus and are open to high school students nationwide. Due to high demand and limited space—especially in the Forensic Science program, which has had a registration waiting list in each of its first two years—early registration is strongly encouraged. For more information and to register, visit

pcs.udel.edu/forensic-science or pcs.udel.edu/autonomous-driving.

University of Delaware Online

Online learning options include a variety of academic degrees and programs



The University of Delaware offers an online

learning environment designed to help you expand your skills and further your career. You will engage in discovery-based learning, participate in applied research and develop dynamic skills. Our proven academic approach includes access to our expert faculty and leading-edge digital curriculum, all with the flexibility to maintain your ideal schedule.

Our academic reputation of excellence extends to our online curriculum, which combines a rigorous, experiential education with the convenience of online learning. Working professionals and online learners from around the world can now obtain a degree—on their schedule, from wherever they need to be.

"The University of Delaware helps our students achieve their educational and professional goals through our growing portfolio of high-quality, convenient and research-inspired online degrees, certificates and noncredit programs," said George Irvine, UD associate provost for online learning and innovation.

"Our faculty and instructors inspire and challenge students in practical disciplines ranging from business administration and nursing to cybersecurity, strategic communication and public policy, and our online programs provide students with the flexibility they need to accommodate their busy schedules."

Learn more at udel.edu/academics/online





ONLINE PROGRAMS

Applied Research Methods | Certificate

Applied Statistics | M.S.

Associate in Arts | A.A.

Associate in Arts in Early Childhood Education | A.A.

Business Administration (6 specializations)
MBA

Business Essentials | Certificate

Composites Manufacturing and Engineering | Certificate

Cybersecurity | M.S., Certificate

Dietetic Internship | Certificate

Educational Technology | M.Ed.

Electrical and Computer Engineering | M.S.

Epidemiology | Certificate

Evaluation Science | M.S.

Geospatial Data Science | Certificate

International Business | M.S.

Literacy | M.Ed.

Mechanical Engineering | M.S.

Minerals, Materials and Society | Certificate

Nursing | MSN

Nursing Education | MSN, Certificate

Nursing Practice | DNP

Post MSN | Certificate

Program Evaluation | Certificate

Public Administration | MPA

Railroad Engineering | Certificate

Socially Responsible and Sustainable Apparel Business | Certificate

Strategic Communication | M.A.

Strategic Communication | M.A. and Business Administration | MBA (dual degree)

Teacher Leadership | M.A.

Spring 2026 programs at a glance

SUBJECT	DATES/TIMES	LOCATION	PRICE	FORMAT	PG. NO.
ACT Prep	Multiple live-online offerings	Live-online		Course	8
Advanced Social Media Marketing for Facebook	Classes start anytime	Online	\$750	Course	7
Advanced Social Media Marketing for Instagram	Classes start anytime	Online	\$750	Course	7
Advanced Social Media Marketing for LinkedIn	Classes start anytime	Online	\$750	Course	7
Arts and Cultural Entrepreneurship	Classes start anytime	Online	\$1,650	Certificate	7
Associates in Arts		Online		Degree	7
Autonomous Driving Academy Pre-College Summer Program	July 6-10, 9 a.m4 p.m.	In person	\$2,500	Program	10
Business Essentials Online		Online		Certificate	7
Clinical Trials Management	Feb. 9-May 15	Online	\$2,350	Certificate	8
Drone: Ground School & FAA Part 107 Test Prep	Sat., Feb. 28, Sun., March 1, and Sat., March 7, 8 a.m1 p.m.	Live-online	\$395	Course	9
Dynamic Leadership	Wed., Jan. 28-May 13, 4-6 p.m.	Hybrid	\$3,500	Certificate	8
Forensic Science Pre-College Summer Program	June 22-26, 9 a.m4 p.m.	In person	\$1,995	Program	10
Foundations of Digital Marketing	Classes start anytime	Online	\$650	Course	8
Foundations of Social Media Marketing	Classes start anytime	Online	\$650	Course	8
GMAT Prep	Multiple live-online offerings	Live-online		Course	8
GRE Prep	Multiple live-online offerings	Live-online		Course	8
Instructional Design	Starts Feb. 2	Online	\$4,990	Certificate	8
LSAT Prep	Multiple live-online offerings	Live-online		Course	8
Montessori Teacher Residency	Starts July Hy	brid and In-Classroor	m		11
Nonprofit Leadership	Thurs., Feb. 5-May 14 8:30 a.m4:30 p.m.	Online/In-Class	\$2,750	Certificate	9
Paralegal	Mon./Wed., Sept. 2-Aug. 11, 2027	Hybrid	\$4,250	Certificate	9
Peak Trust Management	Mon., Feb. 2-Fri., April 10	Online	\$4,500	Certificate	9
Praxis: Core Math or Reading & Writing	Visit pcs.udel.edu/praxis-test-pro	ep for details.		Course	8
Project Management	Wed., Feb. 4-April 8, 6-9:30 p.m.	Live-online	\$2,750	Certificate	9
RN Refresher	Starts Feb. 2	Online	\$1,400	Certificate	9
SAT Prep	Multiple live-online offerings	Live-online		Course	8
Self-Paced Programs	Classes start anytime	Online	Various	Course	10
Technical and Professional Writing	Classes start anytime	Online		Certificate	10



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