

Explore New Possibilities:

Continuing Education for Every Age and Stage of Life

FALL 2025

Become
a certified
EKG Technician
by the end
of the year!
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Career Training

Pursue a health care career in 6 months or less. See page 3.

Lifelong Learning

Build skills in cooking, technology, art, and finance. See page 18.

For Kids & Youth

Coding, crafts, drama, and more for growing minds. See page 24.

For Our Future

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Elgin
Community
College

Bright Choice. Bright Future.

Enhance your personal and professional skills at Elgin Community College.



See all our offerings:



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Every week, there's a chance to UPGRADE YOUR CAREER

ECC CAREER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn about our short-term career training programs, earn-as-you-learn apprenticeships and internships, and grants that can help you pay for your education.

RESUME WRITING WORKSHOPS

Learn what employers are looking for and how to structure an engaging resume that gives you the best chance at getting noticed.

INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS

Learn and practice tips for making a great impression when you land that interview.

See the full schedule and register at elgin.edu/workforce or email workforce@elgin.edu.

Elgin Community College complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that no students, employees, visitors, or other beneficiaries of the ADA encounter discrimination on the basis of their disability. All college facilities, services, and programs must be accessible to students, employees, and visitors with disabilities unless doing so would be an undue burden to the college. ECC can provide reasonable accommodations to qualified students with disabilities for successful entrance into and completion of courses, but students should note that the college is not required to, nor should it, compromise on program admissions or essential course requirements. Qualified students with disabilities must contact the Student Access and Disability Services Office to request reasonable accommodations. For more information on students' rights and responsibilities, visit elgin.edu/ada. 276201/JC/20250723

Career Training

Change your career path in six months or less.

Elgin Community College's career training programs provide rapid pathways to in-demand careers and certifications with high growth potential.

HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATIONS

Train for an in-demand career on the front lines of improving peoples' health and well-being.

EKG Technician

LEADS TO: CERTIFIED EKG TECHNICIAN (CET), NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER ASSOCIATION (NHA)

Learn how to conduct tests on patients' pulmonary or cardiovascular systems for diagnostic, therapeutic, or research purposes. Your book, test prep, and first credentialing test are included. Credentialing exam Monday, 12/1 and Tuesday, 12/16. (10 weeks/60 hours)

WFD-301-300 • MW • 9/17 to 11/24 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm • In Person • \$1,499

WFD-301-301 • TTH • 10/2 to 12/11 • 8:30 to 11:30 am • In Person • \$1,499

Medical Administrative Assistant Program

LEADS TO: CERTIFIED MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (CMAA), NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER ASSOCIATION (NHA)

Learn how to perform administrative duties in health care settings using specific knowledge of medical terminology and hospital, clinic, or laboratory procedures. This program includes the five classes below, your books, test prep, and the first credentialing test. Credentialing exam Wednesday, 11/5. (12 weeks/72 hours)

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

WFD-302-300 • W • 9/3 to 10/29 • 6 to 9 pm • In Person • \$685

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

WFD-303-300 • M • 9/15 to 10/27 • 6 to 9 pm • In Person • \$399

MICROSOFT EXCEL

WFD-550-300 • TTH • 11/4 to 11/6 • 6 to 9:45 pm • In Person • \$139

MICROSOFT WORD

WFD-555-300 • TTH • 11/11 to 11/13 • 6 to 9:45 pm • In Person • \$139

MICROSOFT OUTLOOK

WFD-560-300 • TTH • 11/18 to 11/20 • 6 to 9:45 pm • In Person • \$139

Medical Billing and Coding Program

LEADS TO: CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL BILLER (CPB) AND/OR CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL CODER (CPC), AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PROFESSIONAL CODERS (AAPC)

Learn how to navigate the medical billing cycle and gain proficiency in CPT®, Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Level II, ICD-10-CM, and more. Credentialing exams are scheduled by the student. Students will incur additional costs for textbooks, credentialing membership, and exam vouchers.

Schedule is pending, call 847-622-3036 for more information.

Pharmacy Technician

LEADS TO: CERTIFIED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN (CPHT), PHARMACY TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION BOARD (PTCB)

Learn how to measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders and prepare for entry-level employment in a retail or hospital pharmacy setting. Your book, test prep, and first credentialing test are included. Credentialing exam is scheduled by the student. (10 weeks/60 hours)

WFD-300-300 • MW • 9/15 to 11/19 • 9 am to 12 pm • In Person • \$999

WFD-300-301 • TTH • 9/2 to 11/6 • 6 to 9 pm • In Person • \$999



BLS CPR for Health Care Providers

Get your American Heart Association certification card!

This four-hour, in-person class provides the required CPR/AED training for health care professionals and students, including BNAs, dental assistants, EMTs, paramedics, pharmacy technicians, and more.

Classes are held multiple times per month. To register for an upcoming class, visit elgin.edu/cereg and search for CED-414.



American
Heart
Association.

Questions? Contact us at 847-622-3036 or careertraining@elgin.edu.

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Gain skills in information technology, coding, database development, and new technologies.

CompTIA A+ Exam Prep

LEADS TO: COMPTIA A+ CERTIFICATION, COMPTIA

Learn the foundational technical skills to prepare you for the CompTIA A+ certification exam, the industry standard for information technology professionals. This course includes hardware, software, operating systems, networking, security, and virtualization. Your book, test prep, and exam vouchers are included. For certification, Core 1 and Core 2 must be completed. Credentialing exams are scheduled by the student. (10 weeks/60 hours)

CORE 1: HARDWARE

WFD-501-300 • WF • 9/17 to 10/17 • 6 to 9 pm • In Person • \$1,299

CORE 2: SOFTWARE

WFD-502-300 • WF • 11/7 to 12/12 • 6 to 9 pm • In Person • \$1,299



MICROSOFT TRAINING

Enhance your skills and boost productivity with essential workplace applications from the Microsoft Suite. Our classes, offered at basic, intermediate, and advanced levels, are held regularly to help you master these powerful tools.

View the full schedule and register now at elgin.edu/cereg. Search for Microsoft.



IN-DEMAND SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Build your knowledge base and open up new career paths or opportunities for advancement.

Forklift Operator

LEADS TO: FORKLIFT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION, OSHA

Gain the skills needed to operate an industrial lift truck safely and confidently. Earn an OSHA certification and forklift driver's evaluation.

WFD-400-301 • SA • 9/20 • 8 am to 4:30 pm • In Person • \$199

WFD-400-302 • SA • 10/25 • 8 am to 4:30 pm • In Person • \$199

WFD-400-303 • SA • 11/15 • 8 am to 4:30 pm • In Person • \$199

WFD-400-304 • F • 12/12 • 8 am to 4:30 pm • In Person • \$199



OSHA 10-Hour General Industry

LEADS TO: 10-HOUR FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY CARD, OSHA

Recognize and avoid common workplace safety hazards and health risks. This course is excellent for entry-level workers in manufacturing. (2 days/10 hours)

WFD-405-300 • F • 10/10 to 10/17 • 8 am to 2:30 pm • In Person • \$329

Real Estate Broker

LEADS TO: ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE BROKER'S LICENSE

Enter the exciting field of real estate. This 75-hour hybrid class prepares you for the State of Illinois Real Estate Broker Examination. Your textbook is included. Additional costs for testing and certification may apply. Prerequisites: You must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. (6 to 7 weeks)

Schedule is pending, call 847-622-3036 for more information.

ServSafe Food Manager

LEADS TO: ANSI CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER (CFPM), SERVSAFE

Learn a practical approach to food safety based on the criteria established by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). This course will prepare you for the ANSI Accredited National Food Manager Exam, which is administered at the end of the class. Your book and first credentialing exam are included. (1 day)

WFD-601-300 • M • 9/15 • 8 am to 6 pm • In Person • \$199

WFD-601-301 • TH • 10/16 • 8 am to 6 pm • In Person • \$199

WFD-601-302 • M • 11/17 • 8 am to 6 pm • In Person • \$199

WFD-601-303 • TH • 12/18 • 8 am to 6 pm • In Person • \$199

Project Management Certification Exam Prep Series

LEADS TO: CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT (CAPM) OR PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL (PMP), PROJECT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Improve your project management skills while training for your CAPM or PMP certification from the Project Management Institute. (4 to 5 weeks/35 hours)

CEB-963-300 • TH • 9/18 to 10/16 • 8:30 am to 4:30 pm • Online • \$1,399

Not sure where to start?

Join Us for a Free Workforce Information Session

Discover the possibilities you can achieve with short-term career training, grant-supported academic pursuits, and earn-while-you-learn opportunities. Start now and change your career path by 2026!



To register, scan the code, email workforce@elgin.edu, or call 847-214-6993.

CLASES EN ESPAÑOL

Operador de Montacargas

CONDUCE A: CERTIFICACIÓN DE OPERADOR DE MONTACARGAS, OSHA

Adquiera las habilidades necesarias para operar un montacargas industrial de forma segura y confiada. Obtenga una certificación de OSHA y una evaluación de conductor para montacargas tanto sentado como de pie.

WFD-406-301 • S • 9/13 • 8 am a 4:30 pm • En Persona • \$199

WFD-406-302 • X • 10/8 • 8 am a 4:30 pm • En Persona • \$199

WFD-406-303 • S • 12/6 • 8 am a 4:30 pm • En Persona • \$199

OSHA 10-Hora Industria General

CONDUCE A: TARJETA DE 10 HORAS PARA LA INDUSTRIA GENERAL, OSHA

Reconocer y evitar los peligros comunes para la seguridad y la salud en el lugar de trabajo. Este curso es excelente para trabajadores principiantes en fabricación y da como resultado una certificación de OSHA. (2 días/10 horas)

WFD-404-300 • V • 11/7 to 11/14 • 8 am a 2:30 pm • En Persona • \$329



Gerente de Alimentos

CONDUCE A: GERENTE DE PROTECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS CERTIFICADO POR ANSI (CFPM), SERVSAFE

Aprenda un enfoque práctico sobre la seguridad alimentaria basado en los criterios establecidos por el Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois (IDPH). Este curso lo preparará para el Examen Nacional de Gerente de Alimentos Acreditado por ANSI, que se administra al final de la clase. Tu libro y primer examen están incluidos. (1 día)

WFD-602-301 • J • 9/25 • 8:30 am a 6 pm • En Persona • \$199

WFD-602-302 • L • 10/20 • 8:30 am a 6 pm • En Persona • \$199

WFD-602-303 • J • 11/20 • 8:30 am a 6 pm • En Persona • \$199

WFD-602-304 • L • 12/8 • 8:30 am a 6 pm • En Persona • \$199

Looking for a job? Looking for employees? ECC CAN HELP.

Join or free Hire Spartans online job board!
elgin.edu/hirespartans

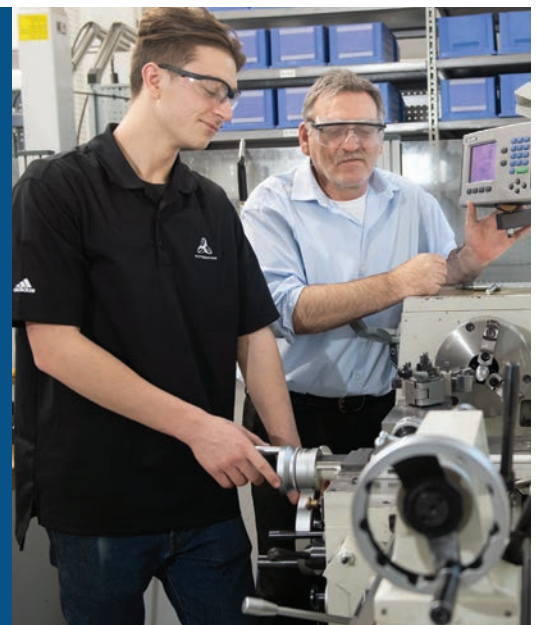
FOR POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES:

- Search and apply for current job openings.
- Post your resume and portfolio.
- Discover employers who specifically want to hire ECC Spartans.
- Learn about ECC on-campus recruiting visits and job fairs.

FOR EMPLOYERS:

- Post job listings.
- Search the resumes and portfolios of job-seekers in our community.
- List information about your own job and career fairs.

HIRE SPARTANS



QUESTIONS?
Contact us today
at 847-214-7454
or spel@elgin.edu.

ADULTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

ECC supports your journey toward success.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND GED PREPARATION

Our free prep courses help you gain the skills and confidence needed to pass state exams and earn your high school diploma.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Experienced instructors work with each student to improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills essential for academic and career success.

INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA

Instructores experimentados trabajan con cada estudiante para mejorar las habilidades de habla, escucha, lectura y escritura esenciales para el éxito académico y profesional.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Explore new career paths in health care, education, manufacturing, and business through our free bridge programs designed to help you discover your next opportunity.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

We understand you're balancing work and family. Our programs offer flexible schedules that fit your lifestyle.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Free Chromebook rentals, Wi-Fi hotspots, and other resources ensure you have the tools for success.



Choose Your Program

- Basic Citizenship Skills
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- State of Illinois High School Diploma Test Prep (HSE/GED)
- Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS)
- Transitions Bridge Classes

Come talk to us in Building K, Room K100, call us at **847-214-6904**, email us at **abecregistration@elgin.edu**, or visit us online at **elgin.edu/adulteducation**.

HOURS:

Monday through Thursday: 8 am to 7 pm

Friday: 8 am to 4 pm

JUMP-START YOUR CAREER IN LESS THAN 7 DAYS

Ready to break into a high-demand career but don't know where to start? Our free, intensive **pre-apprenticeship program** gets you job-ready in under a week with hands-on training, industry credentials, and direct connections to local employers who are hiring NOW.

Your pre-apprenticeship includes:

- Industry-specific training in high-demand fields like health care and manufacturing.
- Professional certifications that employers recognize and value.
- A resume workshop to showcase your new skills effectively.
- Interview preparation to help you land the job.
- Direct access to employers through on-site interviews with local companies.
- Ongoing support with career coaching that continues after program completion.
- Clear next steps and pathways to U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeships and additional certifications.

Three pathways with more on the way!

HEALTH CARE

Learn medical terminology, workplace communication, and safety protocols. Earn CPR, first aid, and bloodborne pathogens certifications that open doors to entry-level health care positions.



MANUFACTURING

Master workplace safety, equipment operation, and industry communication. Earn OSHA-10 and forklift operator certifications that are essential for manufacturing careers.



FIREFIGHTING

Learn everyday tasks like donning protective gear, ladder skills, and hose operations while earning CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed certifications.



Ready to Take the Next Step?

Spots are limited and fill quickly for this free program. Don't wait — your new career is just one week away.

Contact us today to reserve your spot: spel@elgin.edu

Learn more at elgin.edu/spel.

**Strategic Partnerships
and Experiential Learning**

847-214-7454
spel@elgin.edu

LEARN WHILE YOU EARN!

Get a head start in your career with hands-on experience through internships and apprenticeships at ECC.

Internship vs. Apprenticeship: What's the difference?

Both internships and apprenticeships offer on-the-job experience while completing your degree or certificate, but there are some important differences.

INTERNSHIPS

- Internships can be paid or unpaid, credit or non-credit.
- Chance to explore various careers.
- Short-term commitment with flexible scheduling.



APPRENTICESHIPS

- Paid job, plus employer pays for your classes.
- Earn industry-recognized credentials specific to your program of study.
- Long-term commitment with a regular work schedule.



Ready to learn more?

Attend an information session to learn about these opportunities.

Sign up at elgin.edu/spel or scan the QR code.

FREE INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP

Master the art of interviewing with hands-on practice and expert feedback.

- How to research companies and prepare talking points.
- Strategies for answering behavioral and situational questions.
- Professional presentation and body language.
- Mock interview practice with personalized feedback.

90 mins

FREE TO ATTEND

See the full schedule and register:

elgin.edu/resume



FREE RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Transform your work history into a powerful marketing tool with our free workshop.

- Modern resume formatting and design.
- How to showcase transferable skills.
- Keywords that get past applicant tracking systems.
- Tailoring your resume for specific jobs.

90 mins

FREE TO ATTEND

See the full schedule and register:

elgin.edu/resume



Free Exploratory Classes for High School Students!

EXPLORE CAREERS IN THE TRADES

If you're in high school, this fall at Elgin Community College, you can do all of the following in our free Taking Back the Trades program:

- Complete a paid internship.
- Participate in a pre-apprenticeship program (see page 8 for details).
- Earn industry-recognized credentials.



"Classroom settings have been challenging for my son. He loved the free Taking Back the Trades classes — all of his teachers, the classroom activities, everything about the experience. It's just what he needed to give him hope for a brighter future and to prove to himself that he is capable of being successful in an educational setting."

— *Parent of Taking Back the Trades Student*

Classes and topics include:

- Manufacturing/Industry
- Health Care
- Culinary
- Construction
- Fire Science

Interested in free career exploration? Connect with us at elgin.edu/trades.

SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS AT EVERY STEP

Financial Support for Your Future

ECC can help connect you with grant programs that will pay for the training of qualifying adults in more than 75 programs, including:

- Automotive
- Business
- Firefighter/EMT
- Health Care
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Truck Driving

A complete list of programs can be found at elgin.edu/wioa.



Program Benefits May Include:

PERSONALIZED CAREER COACHING.

Get one-on-one guidance tailored to your goals.

TRANSPORTATION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE.

Remove financial barriers to your success.

FREE CAREER TRAINING AND SUPPORT.

Complete programs without student debt.



Attend an information session to get all of the details:
elgin.edu/workforce

Training is made possible through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

STRUCTURED SUPPORT FOR CHALLENGING PROGRAMS

The Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS) is a program proven to support your success while pursuing a basic vocational certificate in one of the following programs:

BASIC NURSE ASSISTANT
COMPUTER NUMERICAL
CONTROL OPERATOR
DENTAL OFFICE AIDE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL
TECHNICIAN-BASIC
HEATING, VENTILATION,
AIR CONDITIONING, AND
REFRIGERATION

INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE
STERILE PROCESSING
AND DISTRIBUTION
WELDING

How do students benefit from this guided program?

- A clear pathway of courses leading to a basic vocational certificate in one year or less.
- Free loaner textbooks to reduce your educational expenses.
- Free academic support and resources to guide you to success.
- A dedicated student support specialist who provides resume assistance and interview training.
- Taking classes with the same group of peers throughout the program for built-in support.

Who can become a student in this program?

- Anyone looking to complete a vocational certificate quickly to earn a family-sustaining wage.
- Anyone pursuing a certificate in one of our supported areas of study.



To learn more, contact our staff at icaps@elgin.edu or visit elgin.edu/icaps.





Elgin
Community
College

MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

COMING FALL 2026

A New Era for Innovation is Taking Shape

Elgin Community College's Manufacturing and Technology Center (MTC) is rising at the corner of McLean Boulevard and Spartan Drive, marking a bold investment in the region's future. This 150,000-square-foot facility will dramatically expand ECC's capacity to deliver high-impact, hands-on training in today's most in-demand technical fields. Designed for flexibility and innovation, the MTC will feature modern labs, collaborative learning spaces, and updated classrooms to support programs in advanced manufacturing, welding, HVAC/green energy, industrial maintenance, robotics, process control, and renewable energy.

More than just a building, the MTC represents ECC's commitment to student success, local employers, and long-term economic growth. It will house expanded apprenticeship and dual-credit opportunities, and offer training aligned directly with workforce needs, ensuring students, adult learners, and incumbent workers gain the skills required for the next generation of manufacturing. As industries continue to evolve, the MTC will provide the space and infrastructure to adapt and grow.

With every beam and brick, ECC is creating more than a facility — it's building opportunity, driving innovation, and shaping a stronger future for students and the community.



Visit elgin.edu/mtc for a virtual tour and a behind-the-scenes look at the project's progress.

THE ECC MANUFACTURING

Building a state-of-the-art facility to

Manufacturing Careers Are Growing in Our Region

50%+

More than half of manufacturing jobs in Illinois require more than a high school diploma, but not a four-year degree.

Manufacturing Strengthens Local Economies

Regional trends show manufacturing remains a cornerstone of the local economy — accounting for nearly 17% of employment across the county.

Source: kanecountyil.gov

The average annual manufacturing salary in Kane County was \$70,637 in 2023.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Employment and Wages

The Need for Skilled Workers is Growing

State projections for 2022–2032 show a steady 2% growth in Illinois manufacturing overall, with several areas seeing rapid expansion.

Source: ides.illinois.gov

+93%



Solar Photovoltaic
Installers

+19%



Computer-Numerical Control
(CNC) Programmers and
Quality Control Specialists

+18%



Industrial Maintenance
Technician

+6%



HVAC/Green Energy Career

+5%

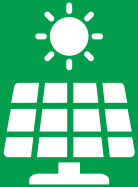


Welding/Pipe Welding

AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

train the manufacturing workforce.

ECC IS MEETING THE MOMENT



HVAC/GREEN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

■ **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Residential and commercial HVAC
- Refrigerant systems
- Electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure
- Solar and renewable energy
- Heat pumps and thermal energy

SPACE
INCREASES
FROM
~3,400+ sq. ft.
TO OVER
10,000 sq. ft.



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

- Only program in the state offering multi-axis machining (3-, 5-, 7-, and 9-axis machines)

■ **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- CNC automation
- Precision manufacturing
- Manual machining
- Grinding

SPACE
INCREASES
FROM
~4,000+ sq. ft.
TO OVER
14,000 sq. ft.



WELDING AND FABRICATION

- Doubling the number of welding booths

■ **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Robotic welding
- Other new fabrication technologies

SPACE
INCREASES
FROM
~5,000+ sq. ft.
TO OVER
19,000 sq. ft.



ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS

- High-growth field per U.S. Department of Labor

■ **PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- Industrial maintenance technology
- Automation

SPACE
INCREASES
FROM
~3,300+ sq. ft.
TO OVER
11,000 sq. ft.



*Scan the QR code for
construction updates.*

elgin.edu/mtc
mtcinquiries@elgin.edu



Students Showcase Manufacturing Talents

In May 2025, ECC held a special event that brought together students, educators, community-based organizations, and over 30 local employers to explore the future of manufacturing and career opportunities in the field. The event was held in partnership with Make it in Illinois, an initiative of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and focused on building stronger connections between education and industry.

A highlight of the day was the student showcase. Dozens of ECC students showcased their unique sustainability-centric projects at the student showcase, such as a solar-powered gaming console and a culinary smoker fabricated from scratch. These projects demonstrated their creativity and showed how students are preparing to meet real-world challenges.



"The instructors at ECC pass on their knowledge and experiences to us, which really helps. The student showcase was an exciting opportunity. In fact, I met an employer while displaying our project. I already interviewed with him and hope to start soon. I can't wait to apply what I've learned at ECC."

– Baltazar Rodriguez, ECC student

The event also reflected ECC's ongoing investment in manufacturing education, including plans for its new Manufacturing and Technology Center. With updated labs, modern equipment, and expanded programs, the facility will prepare students for in-demand, high-tech jobs and help meet the evolving needs of local employers.

Learn more at elgin.edu/makeit.

**MAKE IT
IN ILLINOIS**



"This event is a great example of how education and industry can work together to prepare students for meaningful, in-demand careers. It's also a preview of what's to come as we invest in new ways to serve our community and meet workforce needs."

**– Peggy Heinrich, EdD
President, Elgin Community College**



TURNING EXPLORATION INTO EMPLOYMENT



ECC student Joseph Patino dove into higher education after high school, beginning at ECC in August 2023. Determined to forge a path for his future, Patino sought further guidance through ECC's Future Workforce Leaders Program.

The Future Workforce Leaders Program offers 16 to 24-year-olds the opportunity to participate in training to assist them in obtaining employment. Patino did not have a specific program of study in mind when he began at ECC, but after expressing his interest in science, engineering, and computers, he entered a Paid Work Experience (PWE) with MRK Group, Ltd, an IT asset disposition and electronics recycling company.

After successfully completing his PWE and gaining interest in the company, Patino worked with ECC's Strategic Partnerships and Experiential Learning Department to transfer into an internship. He continued to find success at the MRK Group, and in April 2024, he was offered a part-time job with the company.

"It's been amazing working for the MRK Group," Patino said. "Here, I get the opportunity to work a job that gives me flexible hours to continue focusing on school."

Patino is pursuing an Associate in Science degree and plans to transfer to the University of Illinois at Chicago for a Bachelor's in medical engineering.

For more information on ECC's Future Workforce Leaders Program, visit elgin.edu/futureworkforce.



Expand Your Interests, Hobbies, and Skills

Learn a new skill or just have fun.

ECC has personal interest classes for all ages. Whether you're learning a new skill, helping your child explore the world, or just expanding your horizons, we have a class for you. We're adding classes frequently, so be sure to check out the full catalog at elgin.edu/cecourses.

SEASONAL CRAFTS

Celebrate the seasons with these creative classes for just \$5 each.

Pumpkin Painting Contest

Let's celebrate the season with a pumpkin painting contest! Pumpkins and paints will be provided. Participants can choose to enter their pumpkins in a contest for a chance to win some ECC swag. All ages are welcome.

CEA-067-300 • SA • 10/25 • 12 to 1 pm • \$5



Make a Turkey Wreath

Make an adorable turkey wreath with tulle! All ages are welcome.

CEA-073-300 • SA • 11/22 • 12 to 1 pm • \$5

Make an Ornament

Create custom bell ornaments. All ages are welcome!

CEA-074-300 • SA • 12/20 • 12 to 1 pm • \$5

ART AND CREATIVITY

Hooked on Crochet

This is a fun, hands-on class for beginners to learn the basics of crochet and become confident in their crochet journey.

CED-558-300 • TH • 9/25 to 10/30 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$75

Woven Wonders: Intermediate Crochet

Ready to take your crochet skills to the next level? In this intermediate class, you'll explore a variety of new patterns while learning how to confidently read, interpret, and follow written and charted instructions. We'll expand your stitch repertoire and help you bring more complex projects to life with ease and creativity.

PIC-012-300 • TH • 11/6 to 12/18 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$75

Colorful Canvas

Spend an evening painting! Local artist, Julie Kukreja, will guide you step-by-step to bring your personalized masterpiece to life. Each month features a new, seasonal painting.

CED-467-300 • M • 10/20 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm • \$40

CED-467-301 • M • 11/3 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm • \$40

CED-467-302 • M • 12/1 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm • \$40



HISTORY AND LITERATURE

Elgin Transformed: Technology and Growth in the 19th Century

This course series explores the historical and economic development of Elgin, Illinois, from its early pre-industrial days to its rise as a prominent city in the nineteenth century. Through discussions on migration, technological advancements like railroads and mass production, and the city's contributions to watchmaking and dairy production, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of Elgin's transformation.

CED-577-300 • M • 10/6 to 10/20 • 5:30 to 6:45 pm • \$45

Frank Stanford: Bard of the Rural South

This four-week course focuses on the brief life and prolific output of the critically acclaimed, yet not widely known, Arkansas poet Frank Stanford. This course uncovers Stanford's haunting and surreal pilgrimage toward death, even as his poems spring with primitive vitality and raw insight into the vagaries of the human heart.

PIC-017-300 • TH • 10/23 to 11/13 • 1 to 3 pm • \$89

Poetry and the American Midwest

This four-week course reviews ten critically acclaimed 20th century poets whose works reflect their Midwestern upbringing and sensibility. We also explore the Midwest's landscapes, values, struggles, and diversity, as reflected in these poems.

PIC-018-300 • F • 11/7 to 12/5 • 1 to 3 pm • \$89

TECHNOLOGY

Computer Basics

This class introduces the essential concepts and skills needed to navigate a computer. By the end of the course, participants will be able to confidently manage files, create documents, browse the web, and address common technical issues.

CED-572-300 • SA • 10/18 • 12 to 1 pm • \$10

Cell Phone Basics

This class introduces basic cell phone use. By the end of the course, participants will be confident in navigating their phone's features and troubleshooting common issues.

CED-571-300 • SA • 11/1 • 12 to 1 pm • \$10

Getting Started with Arduino

Learn the basics of Arduino, an affordable and versatile platform for creating electronic projects and prototypes. Arduino boards can read inputs from sensors and devices and control outputs like motors, LEDs, and other actuators. You'll explore digital, analog, and sensor interfacing through hands-on projects. While this is not a programming course, it clearly explains what can be achieved with Arduino. Basic programming knowledge is helpful but not required.

PIC-014-300 • W • 10/1 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$29

PIC-014-301 • M • 12/8 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$29

Arduino Wearable LED's

Learn the basics of programming and how to control wearable LEDs using an Arduino microcontroller. These battery-powered LEDs can enhance clothing or create custom lighting and programmable gear. The workshop covers LED programming, Arduino development tools, and includes hands-on exercises to help you program and control LEDs. You'll also receive a copy of programs for multiple LED patterns. Some programming experience would be helpful but is not required.

PIC-013-300 • M • 10/6 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$29

PIC-013-301 • W • 12/10 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$29

Getting Started with Tinkercad

Discover the world of 3D design and printing in this hands-on Tinkercad workshop! Learn to set up a free Tinkercad account, manage designs, and start your first project. We'll guide you through 3D modeling basics, navigation, and Tinkercad's features as you create your personalized name tag. Once completed, your name tag will be 3D printed and available for pickup. Plus, you'll learn how to prepare your design for 3D printing. This beginner-friendly class is perfect for anyone with basic computer skills.

PIC-015-300 • M • 9/29 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$29

PIC-015-301 • W • 12/3 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$29



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COOKING

Cake Decorating

In this fun and interactive class, students will learn how to assemble and decorate their very own six-inch cake from start to finish. We'll cover the basics of stacking cake layers, applying smooth and even frosting, and using a variety of decorating techniques and ingredients to create a beautiful, personalized cake. This class is suitable for beginners!

PIC-010-300 • SA • 10/18 • 2 to 4 pm • \$70

PIC-010-301 • SA • 12/13 • 2 to 4 pm • \$70



Chocolate Treats

In this deliciously fun chocolate-making class, you'll learn the basics of chocolate tempering, how to make beautifully coated chocolate treats, and how to use molds. We'll wrap up by assembling everything into charming treat boxes — perfect for gifting or enjoying yourself.

PIC-011-300 • T • 11/25 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • \$70

PIC-011-301 • T • 12/16 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • \$70



Edible Printing

In this hands-on class, you'll learn the fundamentals of creating eye-catching designs using Canva. We'll explore how to use available graphics, import your own images, and create properly sized templates. This class will give you the tools to bring your ideas to life. As a fun finale, we'll design custom cookie artwork that will be printed using the Eddie Edible Ink Printer — perfect for personalized treats!

PIC-009-300 • SA • 10/18 • 2 to 4 pm • \$70

PIC-009-301 • SA • 11/8 • 2 to 4 pm • \$70

PIC-009-302 • SA • 12/6 • 2 to 4 pm • \$70

Cookie Decorating

Learn to decorate cookies like a professional! Ashley Schwartz from Sweet Marie's Bakeshop will guide you step-by-step through creating edible works of art that are as delicious as they are stunning. In this beginner class, we'll cover the basics of sugar cookies, learn how to strategize your decorating, and practice piping. Each month we will focus on a new seasonal theme for a decadent and dazzling set of cookies. You'll leave class with a great understanding of the basics plus a few cool techniques!

CED-998-300 • SA • 10/18 • 3 to 4 pm • \$40

CED-998-301 • SA • 11/22 • 3 to 4 pm • \$40

CED-998-302 • SA • 12/20 • 3 to 4 pm • \$40



Cookie Decorating Extension Class

Craving more? Decorate additional sugar cookies with themed designs. Must take Cookie Decorating CED-998 on the same day.

PIC-016-300 • SA • 10/18 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm • \$40

PIC-016-301 • SA • 11/22 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm • \$40

PIC-016-302 • SA • 12/20 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm • \$40

PERSONAL FINANCE

Finances 101

Learn why having a relationship with a financial institution is important, the difference between a bank and a credit union, and products and services that are generally offered.

CED-265-300 • W • 10/8 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

Building a Basic Budget

Review the importance of savings, learn how to create an emergency fund, and develop a five-step budget plan.

CED-273-300 • W • 10/15 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

Debt Management

Review the different types of debt and how they affect your budget. Learn about credit and tips on how to eliminate debt.

CED-547-300 • W • 10/22 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

Understanding Credit

Learn what makes up credit, how to best manage it or establish it, and what affects a credit score.

CED-549-300 • W • 10/29 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

Identity Theft

Learn what identity theft is, how it happens, and how to best protect yourself.

CED-551-300 • W • 11/5 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

How to Buy a Car

Buying a car can be daunting. Learn the benefits of buying used or new, how to research your options, and how to make the decision that is right for you.

CED-553-300 • W • 11/12 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

How to Buy a House

Buying a house can be confusing. Learn about the steps involved in the homebuying process, who is involved, and how to determine if it's the right time for you to buy.

CED-555-300 • W • 11/19 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

Retirement Planning

Learn how to start planning for retirement. It's never too early or too late to start!

CED-557-300 • W • 12/3 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$5

WELLNESS

Communicating with People who Suffer from Dementia or Alzheimer's

Learn the skills you need to communicate with people who suffer from Dementia or Alzheimer's. You will gain an understanding of the diseases while learning to effectively communicate in a variety of situations. This course focuses on the verbal and non-verbal communication essential for the person who suffers from the disease as well as the caretakers, doctors, and family members.

CEA-006-300 • TH • 11/13 • 6 to 8 pm • \$15

Creating Comfort Amidst Chaos

Today's fast-paced and demanding world often leaves people feeling overwhelmed and disconnected from themselves. People often end up forgetting what will fill their cup and make them feel rejuvenated. In this class, you will learn about not just why you should pay attention to your own needs, but how! The cost of the class includes a guidebook in which participants will document their clear and individualized plan toward living a more balanced and fulfilling life.

PIC-003-300 • TH • 12/4 • 6 to 7:30 pm • \$35

Journal to Self Discovery

Have you ever purchased a blank journal but then left it blank because you didn't know where to start? Have you ever been told that writing down your feelings could help you express your thoughts and feelings? This class, taught by a licensed clinical professional counselor will introduce you to different journal techniques each week which can help you explore and clarify your thoughts and feelings through writing. No prior writing or journaling experience is required.

PIC-002-300 • TH • 10/9 to 10/30 • 6:30 to 8 pm • \$69



Making Meaning Out of Grief and Loss

This four-session course utilizes poetry and art, ancient to modern, as vehicles to explore how we cope with grief and bereavement in our personal lives and in our world. This course strives for renewal and hopefulness for all, including those struggling with grief, loss, or difficult circumstances.

CED-581-300 • F • 10/10 to 10/31 • 1 to 2:30 pm • \$79

Renewing the Spirit: From Compassion Fatigue To Resilience

After long periods of selflessly providing care for others in need, cumulative grief and trauma can wear us down. This two-session course touches on themes of compassion fatigue and chronic sorrow while focusing on renewing the spirit and moving toward resiliency, hopefulness, and skillful coping with our difficult circumstances.

CED-583-300 • TH • 10/9 to 10/16 • 1 to 2:30 pm • \$39

WRITING

Plot Out Your Writing Life

Have you always wanted to make creative writing more a part of your life, but you don't know how to get started? Join local writer Lisa Macaione as she shares expert advice, best practices, and exercises to incorporate the written word into your world.

CED-705-300 • T • 10/14 • 5 to 7 pm • \$20

How to Write a Memoir

Tell your life story in your own words. This class will consist of reading memoir examples, writing exercises, and peer response.

CED-569-300 • W • 10/29 to 11/19 • 10 am to 12 pm • \$79



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CED-570-300 • T • 10/7 to 11/11 • 6 to 8 pm • \$99

American Sign Language Beginners I

This course is for beginners who are just starting to learn American Sign Language. Learn finger spelling, basic vocabulary, grammatical structures, and more.

CED-325-300 • T • 10/14 to 11/18 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$129

American Sign Language Continuation

Participants will expand upon the concepts learned in ASL I. This course teaches participants additional signs and helps them to gain confidence in their knowledge of American Sign Language.

CED-326-300 • T • 10/14 to 11/18 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm • \$129

FITNESS

Introduction to Bollywood Dance

Join our beginner-friendly Bollywood dance class! You'll start the class with a warm up, learn a fun up-beat choreographed routine, and then end the class with a cool down. This is perfect for anyone looking to try something new and get active with Bollywood!

CED-597-300 • SA • 10/4 • 9:30 to 10:30 am • \$10



Self Defense

A wide variety of self-defense skills are practiced in this class, ranging from grappling, striking and kicking attacks as well as weapons defense. Mental and physical skills and drills will enhance fitness and confidence, focusing on fun reactive drills. The course material is all taught at a level catering to beginners and to intermediate participants.

CED-291-300 • M • 10/6 to 11/24 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm • \$99

Introduction to Boxing

In this beginners class, you'll learn fundamental boxing techniques, footwork, and fitness skills, all while building confidence, strength, and coordination in a fun and supportive environment.

CED-752-300 • M • 10/6 to 11/24 • 6:45 to 7:45 pm • \$99



SEASONAL

Tarot for Beginners

This introductory course will provide you with the skills and confidence you need to understand tarot cards and give seamless readings. The class will use the Rider Waite Smith tarot deck. We will learn about the history of oracle and tarot cards, the structure of the tarot deck, and the signs and symbols commonly used throughout the deck. We will also learn spreads for various types of readings, and will even cover how to create your own spreads.

CED-560-300 • TH • 10/23 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • \$35

CED-560-301 • TH • 11/20 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • \$35

CED-560-302 • TH • 12/11 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm • \$35

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ART AND CREATIVITY

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AGES 5 TO 8

CEK-194-300 • M • 10/6 to 11/24 • 5:30 to 6:20 pm • \$99

AGES 9 TO 12

CEK-194-301 • M • 10/6 to 11/24 • 6:30 to 7:20 pm • \$99

Exploring Sculpture

In this four-week course, students will learn the basics of creating sculptural forms. Each participant will explore additive and subtractive sculpture methods while using a variety of different materials. This class is for children ages 13 to 17.

KCC-018-300 • SA • 10/25 to 11/22 • 11:30 am to 12:30 pm • \$50



Polymer Clay

Learn how to work with polymer clay and make a variety of projects in this four week course. Learn color mixing, textures, small sculpture forms, and jewelry making methods. This class is for children ages 10 to 14.

KCC-017-300 • SA • 10/25 to 11/22 • 10 to 11 am • \$50

Bollywood Dance for Kids

Come join a fun-filled morning to learn some Bollywood dance moves! Perfect for introducing your child to the vibrant culture and energy of Indian dance. This class is for children ages 5 to 10.

CEK-263-300 • SA • 10/4 • 10:45 to 11:30 am • \$10

STEAM

Coding Club: Augmented Reality

Augmented Reality courses are a new way to extend coding beyond the screen! In this introductory course, students will discover how to use the webcam in their computer to build interactive experiences that blend the real and virtual world. This class is for children ages 10 to 14.

CEK-208-300 • TH • 10/2 to 11/20 • 6:00 to 6:50 pm • \$99

Coding Club: Web Development

Students will be introduced to web page development using HTML and CSS. Starting from building their very first web page, they progress to learn about paragraphs, lists, tables, inserting images, audio and video files, and hyperlinking while they work on 14 different hands-on practical do-it-yourself projects, several hands-on programming challenges, and assessment quizzes throughout the course. Finally, they build a photo gallery and their own version of Instagram to complete this course. This class is for children ages 10 to 14.

KCC-019-300 • TH • 10/2 to 11/20 • 7:00 to 7:50 pm • \$99





LEGO Creators

This class invites students into the imaginative world of LEGOs, where they will explore, create, and learn through play. Students will embark on a journey through themed building challenges, storytelling, basic engineering principles, and collaborative projects, all centered around LEGOs. This class is for children ages 5 to 9.

CEK-242-300 • F • 10/3 to 11/21 • 5:30 to 6:20 pm • \$99

LEGO Builders

This class invites students to embark on a journey of discovery, creativity, and problem-solving through the world of basic LEGO bricks. Students will explore fundamental principles of design, engineering, and mathematics, all while bringing their imaginative ideas to life. Each session is designed to challenge students in fun and engaging ways and promote teamwork, critical thinking, and innovation. This class is for children ages 10 to 14.

CEK-243-300 • F • 10/3 to 11/21 • 6:30 to 7:20 pm • \$99

LANGUAGE

Let's Learn Spanish

In this dynamic Spanish course, students will embark on an engaging language-learning journey focused on building fundamental vocabulary and conversational skills.

AGES 7 TO 10

CEK-239-300 • TH • 10/9 to 12/4 • 5:00 to 5:50 pm • \$99

AGES 11 TO 13

CEK-239-301 • TH • 10/9 to 12/4 • 6:00 to 6:50 pm • \$99



SAFETY

Babysitting Essentials

This engaging babysitting course equips teens with essential knowledge of child growth and development, safety practices, nutrition, and age-appropriate activities. Students will also learn how to handle emergencies with confidence and explore the basics of running a successful babysitting business. Upon completion, participants will earn Red Cross certification in CPR and first aid as well as a certificate of completion for the course. This class is for children ages 12 to 16.

KCC-015-300 • FSA • 10/10 to 10/11 • 9 am to 2:30 pm • \$165

Ready, Set, Safe: Fire Smart Kids

In this fun and interactive fire safety class, kids will learn essential skills like "Stop, Drop, and Roll," how to safely call 911 in emergencies, and important kitchen safety rules. We'll discuss why it's dangerous to play with matches, the importance of smoke detectors, and how to "Stay Low and Go" in case of a fire. Children will also learn how to create a home safety and escape plan to keep their families safe. This class is for children ages 5 to 9. This class is held at the Burlington campus located at 815 E. Plank Road, Burlington, IL 60109.

CEK-255-300 • SA • 11/8 • 10:30 am to 12 pm • \$5

Self Defense for Kids

A wide variety of self-defense skills are practiced in this kids' class including grappling, striking, and kicking attacks. Mental and physical skills and drills will enhance fitness, and confidence allowing students to have great exercise, practice focus, and meet new friends.

AGES 5 TO 9

CEK-009-300 • T • 10/7 to 11/25 • 5:30 to 6:15 pm • \$79

AGES 10 TO 14

CEK-009-301 • T • 10/7 to 11/25 • 6:30 to 7:15 pm • \$79



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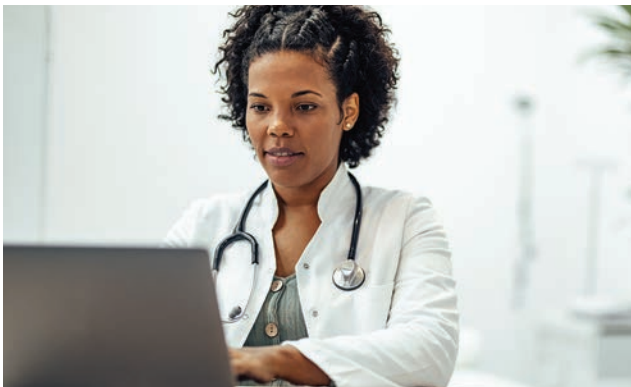
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Understanding different personality styles and how they act, communicate, and respond in the workplace.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Techniques for self-awareness, situational awareness, and how to foster a positive and productive work environment.

MANAGEMENT ESSENTIALS

Basics of decision-making, delegation, ensuring accountability, and having difficult conversations with employees.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Understanding different conflict modes and how to navigate emotions and disagreements with peers and managers.

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Municipal and First Responder Training

Bring ECC's standard for educational excellence to your dedicated public service team, from first responders to administrative and leadership staff. Advance your employees' skills, get them the continuing education they need to succeed, and better equip your municipality to respond to the needs of your community.



First Responder Professional Development

Offered in partnership with ECC's Center for Emergency Services and Police Departments, these training opportunities meet the requirements of the respective state oversight agencies. Participants get the skills they need to meet all required objectives by combining classroom and hands-on simulations. Training is offered on a variety of topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO)
- Advanced Technician Firefighter (ATF)
- Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue (CPVR)
- Company Fire Officer (CoFO)
- Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE)
- Hazardous Materials Technician (HMT)
- Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (PFLSE)
- Rope Rescue Operations (RRO)

Emergency Management

Offered in partnership with ECC's award-winning Office of Emergency Management, these programs help ensure your team is equipped and prepared when emergent situations arise. Training is available on the following topics:

- Business continuity
- Emergency operations planning
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program
- Incident Command Essentials (ICE)
- Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (PFLSE)

Leadership

Provide your new administrative staff and board members the training they need to be effective and impactful leaders from day one.

- New supervisor training
- Continuous improvement
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Leadership for newly elected officials

Administration and Daily Operations

Help your administrative staff keep up with advances in office tools, cybersecurity and other protections, and everyday communication. Training is available on the following:

- Microsoft Office 365
- Adobe Suite
- Cybersecurity and safe emailing
- Conflict resolution
- CPR and OSHA

For more information, call 847-622-3036 or email careertraining@elgin.edu.

INSPIRE AND LEAD TOMORROW'S HEROES

This is your chance to pass on your knowledge, skills, and passion for service to the eager minds who will shape the future of fire and emergency response. Through hands-on training, mentorship, and real-world scenarios, you'll help them build the confidence and expertise needed to save lives and protect communities. Your leadership can light the fire that drives these young recruits to greatness!

Instructor I

Prepares instructor candidates with the knowledge and skills to effectively teach in the fire service from structured, skills-based materials. (40 hours)

Coming Spring 2026

Instructor II

Emphasizes teaching formalized lessons from materials prepared by the instructor including relating information from one lesson or class to the next. (40 hours)

MTWTHF • 10/6 to 10/10 • \$395

ADVANCED TRAINING FOR EXPERIENCED FIREFIGHTERS

Participants will complete classroom presentations and hands-on exercises to cover all state objectives for each content area. Study materials will reinforce learning. Practical evolutions required by Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) will be completed to build the skills and confidence needed for the state exam. Participants must ensure they meet OSFM's course requirements.

Advanced Technician Firefighter (ATF)

Provides the knowledge and skills necessary to operate under general supervision during firefighting operations. (40 hours)
MTWTHF • 10/20 to 10/24 • \$725

Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE)

Covers fire pumps, water distribution systems, hydraulics, fire stream production, relay pumping, pumper maintenance, and troubleshooting. (40 hours)
MTWTHF • 9/8 to 9/12 • \$725

Hazardous Materials Technician (HMT)

Provides an understanding of the knowledge and skills necessary to operate safely and effectively in incidents involving hazardous material releases. (80 hours)
Coming Spring 2026

Public Fire and Life Safety Educator (PFLSE)

Trains and equips firefighters, officers, and non-commissioned fire department staff in fire prevention and life safety education. (40 hours)
MTWTHF • 9/15 to 9/19 • \$650

Rope Rescue Operations (RRO)

Equips students for basic rope rescue at the NFPA 1006 operations level, preparing them to operate as part of a regional emergency response team. (40 hours)
MTWTHF • 10/6 to 10/10 • \$900

Common Passenger Vehicle Rescue

Covers vehicle classifications, extrication tools, patient stabilization, patient care initiation, and Incident Command. (40 hours)
MTWTHF • 8/4 to 8/8 • \$950



IGNITE YOUR CAREER WITH FIRE OFFICER TRAINING

Gain the knowledge and confidence needed to lead with excellence in high-pressure environments. Fire officer training equips aspiring and current fire service leaders with the skills to effectively manage emergency operations, supervise teams, and handle administrative responsibilities.

Company Fire Officer (CoFO)

Enhance your leadership skills and prepare for the next step in your firefighting career with our intensive hybrid course. Perfect for new officers, those on promotion lists, and any firefighter aspiring to rise through the ranks. (120 hours)
Self-Study Orientation: 2/3
Coming Spring 2026

Advanced Fire Officer (AdFO)

Develop the skills to lead multiple fire company operations and manage complex firefighting challenges. Designed for fire officers overseeing multiple companies or stations. (120 hours)
Self-Study Orientation: 8/11
In-Person: 9/8 to 9/13 and 9/22 to 9/26 • \$1,300

ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS AND LEAD WITH CONFIDENCE

Prepare to tackle the evolving challenges of the fire service with these comprehensive leadership training courses. Firefighter development extends beyond technical skills to emphasize leadership, teamwork, and decision-making in high-pressure situations. Designed to support leadership growth at every stage of a firefighter's career, these courses provide a clear pathway to becoming a more effective and resilient leader.

Incident Command Essentials

Learn to effectively manage emergency situations in a dynamic environment by integrating facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications. (8 hours)
T • 8/12 • \$135

Leadership Essentials for Fire Service Professionals

Build stronger teams, enhance communication, and develop the emotional resilience needed to lead effectively in high-pressure environments.
Coming Soon!

Extraordinary Experiences AT ECC ARTS CENTER

Experience the vibrant heart of the arts in the Fox Valley!

The ECC Arts Center is a premier destination for live entertainment, cultural enrichment, and artistic excellence.

Our stage has welcomed Grammy and Tony Award winners, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame icons, and stars from Broadway to Hollywood, with more exceptional experiences on the horizon.

Information about our upcoming performances can be found on our website at eccartscenter.org or by calling our box office at **847-622-0300**.



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Ready to Make Music with Us?

Whether you're a seasoned performer or just rediscovering your passion for music, ECC's ensembles offer an exciting opportunity to grow, collaborate, and perform. From classical to contemporary, jazz to hip-hop, and steel drums to electronic music — there's a place for every style and skill level.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Office at **847-214-7188**, email performingarts@elgin.edu, or visit us at elgin.edu/music.



Private Music Lessons at Elgin Community College

Learn from world-class professionals with personalized, one-on-one instruction tailored to your skill level, style, and pace. Our passionate, experienced instructors create a supportive environment that nurtures growth and creativity.

Open to students and community members. **Lessons are available for:**

- Horns
- Winds
- Piano
- Jazz Piano
- Percussion
- Guitar (Acoustic/Electric/Bass)
- Voice
- Saxophone
- Bassoon
- Trumpet
- Strings



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Join Our Volunteer Usher Team!

Do you enjoy helping others and being part of the arts community? We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic individuals like you to volunteer at the ECC Arts Center!

As an usher, you'll assist with:

- Greeting and welcoming guests.
- Collecting tickets.
- Guiding patrons to their seats.
- Supporting and monitoring the audience during performances.
- Helping with concessions or merchandise sales.



If you're interested in volunteering, we'd love to hear from you! For questions or more information, contact us at artsvolunteer@elgin.edu.

You can also apply by scanning the QR code or emailing us directly.

Elgin Township Senior Access Pass

The ECC Arts Center is proud to partner with the **Elgin Township Senior Access Pass Program**, an initiative that offers local seniors free or reduced admission to a wide range of cultural, educational, and recreational events. Senior Access Pass holders are invited to enjoy select ECC Arts Center performances, including concerts, theater productions, dance performances, and comedy acts. Simply present your Senior Access Pass at the ECC Arts Center Box Office to receive a free ticket. For current offerings and event dates, visit our calendar at eccartscenter.org.



Don't have a Senior Access Pass yet? It's easy to get one! Stop by the **Elgin Township office at 739 S. McLean Blvd, Elgin, IL** any weekday **from 1 to 3 pm**. Be sure to bring a government-issued ID with your current address.

EXCEPTIONAL EVENT SPACES FOR EVERY OCCASION

Great spaces, convenient location, ample free parking, and pricing options to fit any budget make ECC the first choice in facilities rental for hundreds of organizations and businesses each year.

FREE PARKING

Enjoy hassle-free parking for over 3,000 vehicles.

EASY LOADING AND UNLOADING

Convenient zones throughout campus simplify setup and teardown.

ACCESSIBILITY

Elevators, braille signage, and access to interpretation services ensure easy access for all attendees.

COMPLIMENTARY MEDIA SERVICES

Standard media services are included at no extra cost.

EVENT SUPPORT

Our event coordinators and audiovisual representatives are available to assist you on the day of your event.

ACCURATE BILLING

We provide timely and precise billing documentation for your convenience.

Our Premier Event Space: University and Business Center

Our most popular rental space, the University and Business Center, offers comfortable, ultra-modern, professional training facilities. The centerpiece is the 200-seat Seigle Auditorium, providing the ultimate conference experience with a state-of-the-art lectern touch-screen system.



VERSATILE MEETING SPACES

Our spaces can accommodate groups as large as 2,400 or as small as 10.

CUSTOMIZABLE SETUP

We arrange classrooms and breakout areas to your specifications.

ERGONOMIC COMFORT

Our high-quality training tables and ergonomic seating ensure comfort during long sessions.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

All attendees have access to free wireless, high-speed internet.

ON-SITE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Media services and technical support are available to address any issues promptly.

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES

We provide custom software installation, fax machines, photocopiers, and assistance with shipping and receiving.

GOURMET CATERING

Enjoy palate-pleasing food service provided by skilled chefs, catering to every budget and group size.



Connect with Us

Choose ECC for your next conference, meeting, or team-building event and experience unparalleled service and facilities. Contact us to reserve your space and let us help you create a successful and memorable event. Visit elgin.edu/facilities or email facilitiesrental@elgin.edu.

How to Register for Classes

You can find an up-to-date listing of all of our available classes at elgin.edu/cecourses.

- **Class Code:** Take note of the nine-digit class code (ex. CEB-111-111), as it will help ensure you're registering for the correct class.
- **New to ECC:** If you've never taken any class at ECC, go to elgin.edu/cereg. Enter your class code or class name in the search bar on the right side of the page. Find the class you want and click select to add to your cart. Please follow all the steps and enter your payment at the end.
- **Previous ECC Students:** If you've taken a class of any kind at ECC, including a for-credit, continuing education, or Kids' College class, please contact ECC's registration office so they can assist you with registering using your existing account. Call 847-214-7484 or email registration@elgin.edu.
- **Payment:** Payment is required when registering for continuing education classes, both online and in person.
- **Grants and Scholarships:** Some of our career training programs may be eligible for state or federal grant funds. Scholarships may be available for personal interest and Kids' College classes. Email cemailbox@elgin.edu for more information.



If you would like more information on a specific class, please contact the Continuing Education office at 847-622-3036. If you experience problems when registering, please contact ECC's Registration office at 847-214-7484.

SAVE THE DATE

HIRE SPARTANS JOB FAIR WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22, 2025 9 AM TO 12 PM

Whether entering the workforce or looking to advance your career, attending an ECC job fair can be crucial to achieving your professional goals.

- Meet with local employers in a variety of industries.
- Learn about exciting job opportunities.
- Network with industry professionals.

Learn more at elgin.edu/jobfair.

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ECC is partnering with the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment to offer free job skills training through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Training is available for qualified adults in more than 75 programs, including:

- Automotive
- Information Technology
- Business
- Manufacturing
- Health Care
- Truck Driving

See the complete list of programs at elgin.edu/wioa.

Benefits include:

- Personalized career coaching.
- Free transportation and tuition.
- Free career training and support.



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Questions?

Contact ECC's
Workforce Development
Office at 847-214-6901
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