

COMMUNITY EDUCATION GUIDE

FALL 2026

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Gain lifesaving skills as you practice CPR. See page 6.

Lifelong Learning

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Kids & Youth

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See all our offerings:



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FIND THE RIGHT CLASS FOR YOU!

Be on the lookout for these icons to indicate different types of classes.



Online Class



New Class



WIOA-Approved Class

You may be eligible for grant funding to complete this class. See page 16 for more information.

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.

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Career Training and Professional Development

TURN YOUR CAREER GOALS INTO CLEAR, ACHIEVABLE STEPS

Whether you're launching a new path or advancing in your current one, ECC offers career training and professional development designed to fit your busy schedule and help you build your career step by step.

DRONES

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Part 107 Test Prep

\$149

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (UAV) PART 107, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA)

Prepare for the FAA Part 107 exam covering airspace rules, weather, safety, and flight operations. This course builds commercial UAV readiness and regulatory understanding and supports compliant drone piloting in professional environments. Additional exam costs may apply. Prerequisite: You must be 16 years old. (12 hours)

WFD-612-300 • TH • 10/8 to 10/29 • 6 to 9 pm



EDUCATION

All courses include post-course assessment and meet Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requirements for professional development hours. These classes may be available to you at no cost. To see if you qualify, email workforce@elgin.edu.

AI Literacy for Educators **NEW**

\$145

Build essential AI skills through this four-course series designed for educators. You will explore how AI works, create effective prompts, streamline communication and workflow, and examine ethical considerations, empowering you to confidently and responsibly integrate AI into your teaching practice. Includes CAR-025, CAR-026, CAR-017, and CAR-021. Professional Development Units are available. (12 hours)

WFD-625-300 • W • 9/23, 10/14, 11/11, 1/13 • 5:30 to 8:30 pm

WFD-625-301 • SA • 9/26, 10/17, 11/14, 1/16 • 9 am to 12 pm

AI Foundations for Educators **NEW**

\$45

Explore how generative AI works and what it means for your classroom. You will examine popular AI platforms, gain an understanding of the capabilities and limitations, and evaluate reliability concerns. This course prepares you to confidently and responsibly engage with AI in today's evolving educational landscape. Professional Development Units are available. (3 hours)

CAR-025-300 • W • 9/23 • 5:30 to 8:30 pm

CAR-025-301 • SA • 9/26 • 9 am to 12 pm

NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Join Us for a Free Workforce Information Session

Take the next step on your career path. Join us at an information session to explore short-term, non-credit career training; hands-on learning through apprenticeships and internships; and a variety of funding options to help you reach your goals.



To register, scan the code, email workforce@elgin.edu, or call 847-214-6901.

Prompt Design for Educators ^{NEW} \$45

Develop practical techniques for writing effective AI prompts that support your daily work. You will learn how to create prompts for lesson planning, differentiated instruction, parent communication, and administrative tasks. This course will help you save time while improving clarity, creativity, and instructional impact. Professional Development Units are available. (3 hours)

CAR-026-300 • W • 10/14 • 5:30 to 8:30 pm

CAR-026-301 • SA • 10/17 • 9 am to 12 pm



AI for Communication and Workflow Support ^{NEW} \$45

Use AI tools to streamline your workflow and reduce administrative burden. You will learn how to draft parent emails, generate rubrics, summarize meetings, and organize tasks more efficiently. This course will allow you to focus more time and energy on teaching and student engagement. Professional Development Units are available. (3 hours)

CAR-017-300 • W • 11/11 • 5:30 to 8:30 pm

CAR-017-301 • SA • 11/14 • 9 am to 12 pm

AI Ethics, Integrity, and Professional Judgement in Education ^{NEW} \$45

Examine the critical ethical considerations of AI use within education. In this course, you will navigate issues like academic integrity, algorithmic bias, student data privacy, and misinformation. This course will strengthen your professional judgment and ensure you are using responsible, ethical decision-making in AI-supported environments. Professional Development Units are available. (3 hours)

CAR-021-100 • W • 1/13 • 5:30 to 8:30 pm

CAR-021-101 • SA • 1/16 • 9 am to 12 pm

ADVANCE YOUR IMPACT IN THE CLASSROOM



Advance your teaching with flexible, affordable online professional development. Through our partnership with ed2go, complete continuing education courses anytime, anywhere, while building practical skills and earning a certificate to support your professional growth.



POPULAR COURSES:

- Creating the Inclusive Classroom: Strategies for Success
- Creating a Classroom Website
- Differentiated Instruction in the Classroom
- Introduction to Classroom Documentation
- Solving Classroom Discipline Problems
- Writing for ESL
- Enhancing Language Development in Childhood
- Guided Reading and Writing: Strategies for Maximum Student Achievement

Course Features:

- Available online 24 hours a day.
- Access instructor-moderated or self-guided formats.
- Receive a certificate of completion.

FOOD SERVICE AND HOSPITALITY

Las clases de servicios de alimentos también están disponibles en español. Consulte la página 18 para más detalles.

ServSafe Food Manager Certification **\$199**

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: ANSI CERTIFIED FOOD PROTECTION MANAGER (CFPM), SERVSAFE

Develop food safety skills as you learn sanitation, food handling, and regulatory compliance based on Illinois Department of Public Health standards. This course builds practical knowledge of safe food preparation, storage procedures, and health code compliance for food service environments. Book and first exam included. (10 hours)

WFD-601-301 • T • 9/29 • 8 am to 6 pm

WFD-601-302 • T • 10/27 • 8 am to 6 pm

WFD-601-303 • T • 11/17 • 8 am to 6 pm

FORKLIFT

Las clases de montacargas también están disponibles en español. Consulte la página 18 para más detalles.



Forklift Operator - Sit Down **\$199**

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: FORKLIFT OPERATOR, OSHA

Develop forklift operation skills as you learn to safely operate a sit-down industrial lift truck while completing OSHA-required safety training and driver's performance evaluation. This course builds workplace safety awareness, equipment handling confidence, and practical operational skills for industrial environments. Prerequisite: You must be 18 years old. (8 hours)

WFD-400-300 • SA • 8/29 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-400-301 • SA • 9/26 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-400-302 • SA • 10/24 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-400-303 • SA • 11/21 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Forklift Operator - Stand Up **\$199**

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: FORKLIFT OPERATOR, OSHA

Develop forklift operation skills as you learn to safely operate a stand-up industrial lift truck while completing OSHA-required safety training and driver's performance evaluation. This course builds workplace safety awareness, equipment handling confidence, and practical operational skills for industrial environments. Prerequisite: You must be 18 years old. (8 hours)

WFD-403-300 • W • 9/2 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-403-301 • SA • 10/3 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-403-302 • SA • 10/31 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

NEW Certificate:

Pipe Welding

Get started in a highly skilled career with hands-on training in our new welding lab, opening this fall.

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INTERESTED IN LEADING A CLASS?

Discover opportunities to teach with ECC Corporate and Community Education. We are seeking qualified, passionate instructors for career training and community education courses. Learn more about teaching opportunities, program expectations, and how to get involved by attending our upcoming hiring open house.

T • 9/29 • 6 to 7 pm



HEALTHCARE

Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar

\$199

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: CERTIFIED ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA CARE TRAINER (CADDCT), NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CERTIFIED DEMENTIA PRACTITIONERS (NCCDP)

Develop dementia care skills as you learn communication strategies, behavior management techniques, and safety practices for individuals with Alzheimer's and related conditions. This course builds caregiver confidence, strengthens patient interaction skills, and enhances professional readiness for healthcare and support environments. (8 hours)

WFD-342-300 • TH • 9/24 • 9 am to 5:30 pm

WFD-342-301 • F • 11/6 • 9 am to 5:30 pm

Basic Anatomy and Pathophysiology for Healthcare Professionals

\$349

Explore the structure and function of the human body while learning how diseases impact normal physiology. This foundational course connects anatomy and pathophysiology to clinical practice, strengthening understanding through hands-on activities and real-world healthcare applications. This course is a prerequisite for Medical Administrative Assistant WFD-302 and Medical Biller and Coder WFD-304. (30 hours)

WFD-308-300 • W • 10/7 to 12/16 • 6 to 9 pm

Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR

\$69

Gain lifesaving skills as you practice CPR, AED use, and emergency response techniques. Designed for healthcare professionals and students, this course builds critical competencies and leads to American Heart Association certification for immediate, real-world application in clinical and community settings. (4 hours)

CED-414-301 • T • 9/1 • 6 to 10 pm

CED-414-302 • SA • 9/19 • 9 am to 1 pm

CED-414-303 • T • 10/6 • 6 to 10 pm

CED-414-304 • SA • 10/17 • 9 am to 1 pm

CED-414-305 • T • 11/3 • 6 to 10 pm

CED-414-306 • SA • 11/21 • 9 am to 1 pm

CED-414-307 • T • 12/1 • 6 to 10 pm

CED-414-308 • SA • 12/19 • 9 am to 1 pm

EKG Technician

\$1,499

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: CERTIFIED EKG TECHNICIAN (CET), NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER ASSOCIATION (NHA)

Learn to perform EKG procedures and assist in diagnostic testing of heart and pulmonary function. Gain skills in monitoring cardiac rhythms, supporting patient care, and working in clinical settings. This course prepares you for entry-level healthcare roles in diagnostic services. Book, test prep, and first exam included. (60 hours)

WFD-301-300 • MW • 9/16 to 11/23 • 6 to 9 pm

WFD-301-301 • SA • 9/26 to 12/19 • 8:30 am to 2 pm

WFD-301-302 • TTH • 10/8 to 12/17 • 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Emergency Response Training

\$199

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS, BLS CPR, AND FIRST AID, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION; STOP THE BLEED, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Gain the skills you need to respond quickly and effectively in emergency situations through this hands-on training. This course prepares you for entry-level healthcare careers by building confidence in real-world response scenarios and basic emergency procedures. (8 hours)

WFD-340-300 • SA • 10/17 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-340-301 • SA • 12/19 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Introduction to Medical Terminology

\$349

Learn medical terms related to anatomy, disease, procedures, and treatment. This hybrid course builds foundational communication skills for clinical and administrative settings while strengthening accuracy in interpretation, pronunciation, spelling, and professional usage across healthcare environments.

Book included. This class is a prerequisite to WFD-302 and WFD-304. (45 hours)

WFD-303-300 • M • 10/12 to 12/14 • 6 to 9 pm

Medical Administrative Assistant

\$699

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: CERTIFIED MEDICAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (CMAA), NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER ASSOCIATION (NHA)

Learn scheduling, medical records management, patient communication, and administrative procedures for healthcare office roles. Build essential skills for supporting daily clinic operations, improving workflow efficiency, and ensuring accurate documentation while maintaining professional communication in medical office environments. You must complete WFD-302, plus four additional courses (WFD-303, WFD-550, WFD-555, WFD-560) for completion. Book, test prep, and first exam included. (27 hours)

WFD-302-300 • W • 10/14 to 12/16 • 6 to 9 pm

Medical Biller and Coder

\$999

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: CERTIFIED MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING SPECIALIST (CBCS), NATIONAL HEALTHCAREER ASSOCIATION (NHA)

Launch your career as a certified billing and coding specialist and gain essential skills for hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare settings. Learn to code diagnoses and procedures, submit claims, audit billing, and navigate the medical billing cycle while preparing for CPT®, HCPCS Level II, and ICD-10-CM credentialing exams. You must complete WFD-303 and WFD-308 for completion. (60 hours)

WFD-304-100 • MW • 1/6 to 3/22 • 6 to 9 pm

Pharmacy Technician **WFOA**

\$999

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: 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. Prerequisite: You must be 18 years old to take the credentialing exam. (60 hours)

WFD-300-300 • MW • 9/21 to 11/25 • 8:30 to 11:30 am

WFD-300-301 • SA • 9/26 to 12/19 • 8:30 am to 2 pm

WFD-300-302 • TTH • 10/8 to 12/17 • 6 to 9 pm

Mental Health in Practice: A Professional Summit **NEW**

\$79

Explore practical, evidence-informed strategies to supporting mental well-being in today's demanding workplaces. This professional summit examines burnout prevention, psychological safety, healthy boundaries, team resilience, and inclusive mental health practices through expert-led sessions. Leave with realistic strategies you can apply immediately in your work. Continuing Education Units available for social workers, human resource professionals, and teachers. (5 hours)

CAR-022-300 • T • 10/6 • 9 am to 2 pm

HUMAN RESOURCES

These classes may be available to you at no cost. To see if you qualify, email workforce@elgin.edu.

Communicating with Credibility: Building Trust, Influence, and Impact **NEW**

\$199

Develop communication skills that build trust, strengthen professional relationships, and expand your workplace influence. In this course, you will learn practical strategies to communicate with confidence, navigate difficult conversations, and adapt your message to diverse audiences while enhancing your credibility and professional presence. Continuing Education Units are available. (7.5 hours)

WFD-626-300 • W • 09/16 • 9 am to 4:30 pm



Building an AI-Enabled Workforce: A Human-Centered Strategy for HR **NEW**

\$199

Prepare your organization for the future of work by exploring practical, responsible approaches to AI in human resources. This course focuses on identifying opportunities, managing change, supporting employees, and developing an AI strategy that balances innovation, ethics, and human-centered workforce development. Continuing Education Units are available. (7.5 hours)

WFD-627-300 • W • 10/28 • 9 am to 4:30 pm



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With the opening of our new Manufacturing & Technology Center (MTC), get ready to upskill or reskill with a fresh, powerful lineup of short-term career training designed to get you job-ready with real-world skills and fast career growth.



DON'T MISS WHAT'S NEXT!

New classes will be unveiled at the MTC Open House on September 24 from 4 to 6 pm. Learn more at elgin.edu/mtc.

Join our mailing list to stay in the know.



You're Invited

Thursday, September 24 from 4 to 6 pm

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A GUIDED PATH TO A CAREER-READY CERTIFICATE

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:

- ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
- CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT
- COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROL OPERATOR
- DENTAL OFFICE AIDE
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC
- HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION
- STERILE PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION
- WELDING

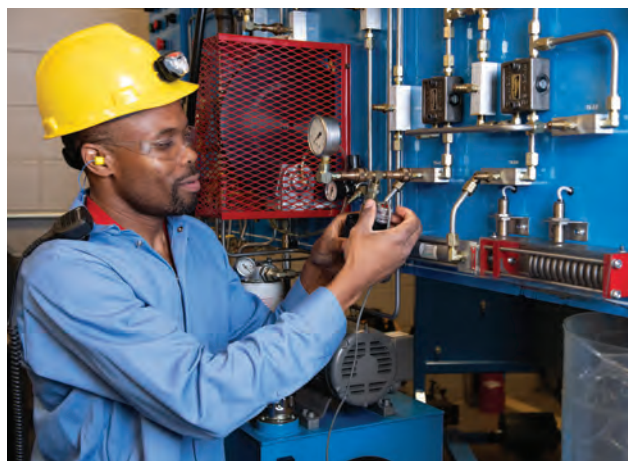
How do students benefit from this guided program?

- 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.



MUNICIPAL AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING

Advanced Technician Firefighter (ATF)

\$725

PREPARES YOU FOR:

ADVANCED TECHNICIAN FIREFIGHTER (ATF) CERTIFICATION, OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (OSFM)

Build essential knowledge and practical skills needed to operate effectively under general supervision during firefighting operations. This course strengthens your understanding of fireground procedures, teamwork, and safety practices while preparing you to support incident response activities with confidence. You must meet all OSFM course requirements before attending. (40 hours)

WFD-350-300 • MTWTHF • 10/26 to 10/30 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

Company Fire Officer

\$1,300

PREPARES YOU FOR:

COMPANY FIRE OFFICER (COFO) CERTIFICATION, OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (OSFM)

Prepare to perform leadership duties at the company officer level in accordance with Illinois OSFM standards. This course is for experienced firefighters to develop skills in supervision, incident command, decision-making, safety management, and effective communication to lead crews. You must meet all OSFM course requirements before attending. (120 hours)

WFD-357-300 • MTWTHF • 9/14, 10/12 to 10/16, 11/2 to 11/6 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

Fire Apparatus Engineer

\$725

Prepare to operate and maintain fire apparatus safely and effectively. This course will cover vehicle dynamics, pump operations, inspection procedures, and emergency response driving. You will develop the knowledge and skills required to meet certification standards and support efficient and safe fireground operations.

WFD-351-300 • MTWTHF • 11/2 to 11/6 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

Fire Instructor II

\$395

PREPARES YOU FOR: FIRE INSTRUCTOR II CERTIFICATION, OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (OSFM)

Learn to deliver formalized lessons across multiple sessions. Build your fire science instructor skills by developing lesson plans with clear objectives, instructional aids, and evaluation tools while gaining experience in scheduling, supervision, training documentation, and effective teaching methods.

You must meet all OSFM course requirements before attending. (40 hours)

WFD-362-300 • MTWTHF • 11/16 to 11/20 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

Incident Command Essentials

\$135

Learn to manage domestic incidents efficiently by integrating facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications. Explore key components of the Incident Command System (ICS), distinguish strategy from tactics, develop Incident Action Plans, and apply strategic benchmarks and accountability systems. You must meet all Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) course requirements before attending. (7.5 hours)

WFD-355-300 • W • 10/14 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

Public Safety Leadership Institute

\$999

Enhance your leadership effectiveness through practical strategies for communication, coaching, conflict resolution, decision-making, and team development. Designed for current and aspiring public safety leaders, this academy prepares participants to lead with confidence, adaptability, and professionalism. (40 hours)

WFD-365-300 • M • 10/5 to 11/2 • 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Leading Across Generations

\$10

Identify key generational differences in the workplace and explore strategies that bridge perspectives across age groups. Emphasizing practical, real-world application, this course will help you strengthen collaboration and communication skills to help your team work more effectively across diverse viewpoints. Offered in partnership with Midwest Restoration. (4 hours)

CEF-916-300 • TH • 09/17 • 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Rope Rescue Operations

\$900

PREPARES YOU FOR: ROPE RESCUE OPERATIONS (RRO) CERTIFICATION, OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL (OSFM)

Develop competency in basic rope rescue operations aligned with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1006 standards to support technical rescue incidents. You will gain foundational skills in rope systems, safety practices, and rescue techniques. This course will prepare you to effectively serve on a regional emergency response team. (40 hours)

WFD-353-300 • MTWTHF • 10/19 to 10/23 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

SMALL BUSINESS

Connect and Convert

\$199

Grow your audience and boost your business with this social media series for entrepreneurs and small business owners. You'll learn practical steps that you can apply immediately on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and LinkedIn to build connections and turn engagement into results. (9 hours)

WFD-613-300 • TH • 11/5 to 11/19 • 6 to 9 pm

LEADERSHIP

These classes can also be held at your business location. For details, email cemailbox@elgin.edu.

Driving Growth Through Business Strategy **NEW**

\$199

Explore core corporate strategy concepts to drive organizational growth and competitive advantage. In this course, you will learn how diversification, mergers and acquisitions, alliances, and vertical integration shape business scope. You will also evaluate strategic fit, capability alignment, and long-term value creation in dynamic market environments. (8 hours)

WFD-704-300 • TH • 10/22 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

New Supervisor Skills **NEW**

\$199

Develop essential supervisory skills to lead teams effectively. You will gain skills in decision-making, goal setting, delegation, accountability, feedback, and difficult conversations. This course helps you build confidence, improve communication, and implement consistent processes that strengthen relationships, increase productivity, and support employee growth in the workplace. (8 hours) Las clase de Habilidades para nuevos supervisores también están disponibles en español. Consulte la página 18 para más detalles.

WFD-706-300 • TH • 11/12 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Workplace Intelligence: Building Stronger Communication **NEW**

\$199

Develop practical emotional and social intelligence skills to strengthen your workplace communication and professional relationships. This interactive training explores emotional awareness, social perception, and communication strategies to help you interpret cues, manage interactions, build rapport, and navigate workplace situations with confidence. (8 hours)

WFD-701-300 • TH • 12/3 • 8 am to 4:30 pm



NEW LEADERS WORKSHOP

Improve your team's communication, reduce conflict, and increase supervisor confidence. This series includes three 3-hour workshops focused on essential leadership skills for new and emerging supervisors and team leads. This workshop is delivered on-site through Corporate Training with flexible scheduling available.

- Leading Through Active Listening
- Feedback That Drives Performance
- Conflict to Collaboration

For pricing and scheduling, call 847-622-3036.

NEW Certificate:

Quality Control Technician

Train for an essential manufacturing career in our state-of-the-art metrology lab, opening this fall.

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LUNCH & LEARN

Engage in practical learning on timely topics while enjoying your lunch break, with focused takeaways you can immediately apply in your professional role.

Listening to Understand \$25

Learn to build trust through active listening. You will learn how to practice empathy, ask thoughtful questions, and understand diverse perspectives. This session will help you to improve communication and foster respectful workplace interactions. Your lunch is included. (1.5 hours)

CAR-013-300 • TH • 9/17 • 11:30 am to 1 pm

AI for Meeting Productivity \$25

Explore practical ways to use AI tools to improve meeting efficiency. You will learn how to streamline agendas, capture key points, and enhance collaboration so you can hold more productive meetings. Your lunch is included. (1.5 hours)

CAR-016-300 • TH • 10/8 • 11:30 am to 1 pm

Navigating Tough Talks \$25

Develop strategies to navigate challenging conversations with clarity and confidence. In this session, you will practice staying composed, communicating effectively, and resolving conflict with empathy. Your lunch is included. (1.5 hours)

CAR-014-300 • TH • 11/5 • 11:30 am to 1 pm

Stay Calm. De-Escalate. \$25

Learn techniques to stay calm during high-pressure situations. In this session, you will gain skills to de-escalate tension, manage emotions, and communicate clearly and confidently. Your lunch is included. (1.5 hours)

CAR-015-300 • TH • 12/10 • 11:30 am to 1 pm

REAL ESTATE

Real Estate Broker Pre-License Topics \$799

PREPARES YOU FOR: ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE, IDFPR

Study property law, contracts, financing, agency relationships, and Illinois licensing requirements. This course builds foundational broker-level knowledge, strengthens understanding of real estate transactions, and supports readiness for client-focused industry roles and responsibilities. You must complete WFD-608 and WFD-609 for completion.

Book included. Prerequisites: You must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED. (60 hours)

WFD-608-300 • MW • 9/23 to 12/2 • 6 to 9 pm

Real Estate Broker Pre-License Applied Real Estate Principles \$159

PREPARES YOU FOR: ILLINOIS REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE, IDFPR

Apply real estate principles through scenario-based learning and interactive exercises focused on transactions, clients, and Illinois licensing standards. This course builds practical readiness for broker licensure. Prerequisite: WFD-608. (15 hours)

WFD-609-300 • MW • 12/7 to 12/21 • 6 to 9 pm

SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

These classes can also be held right at your business location. For details, email cemailbox@elgin.edu.

Defuse, Don't Argue: The Art of De-Escalation \$199

Develop conflict-management skills as you learn communication strategies to safely defuse tense situations and improve outcomes. This course builds confidence, strengthens decision-making under pressure, and enhances interpersonal communication through role-play and real-world scenario-based practice. (8 hours)

WFD-611-300 • T • 10/20 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry \$199

PREPARES STUDENTS FOR: 10-HOUR OSHA FOR GENERAL INDUSTRY CARD, OSHA

Recognize and avoid common workplace safety hazards and health risks in manufacturing and general industry settings. Build foundational awareness of safe work practices, improve hazard identification skills, and support a safer work environment for entry-level employees across a variety of workplace environments. (10 hours)

WFD-405-300 • F • 10/30 to 11/6 • 8 am to 1:30 pm



COMING SOON!

Continuing Education Courses for Real Estate

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OSHA 10-Hour Construction **\$199**

PREPARES YOU FOR: OSHA 10-HOUR CONSTRUCTION CARD, OSHA

Strengthen construction safety awareness as you learn to identify and prevent common jobsite hazards while completing OSHA-required training. This course builds entry-level safety knowledge, improves hazard recognition skills, and reinforces practical workplace compliance and safe work practices in construction environments. (10 hours)

WFD-410-300 • F • 10/16 to 10/23 • 8 am to 1:30 pm

SOFTWARE TRAINING

Intuit Quickbooks **\$159**

Develop accounting skills as you learn to manage income, expenses, payroll, reporting, and financial records using QuickBooks. This course builds practical business accounting knowledge for small businesses and nonprofits while strengthening organization, accuracy, and financial decision-making skills in real-world business environments. (12 hours)

WFD-574-300 • T • 10/6 to 10/27 • 6 to 9 pm

Microsoft Excel, Level 1 **\$139**

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Build foundational Excel skills as you work with data entry, formulas, formatting, charts, and worksheet management. This course strengthens essential workplace productivity and digital organization skills while improving accuracy, efficiency, and confidence in handling everyday data tasks. (7.5 hours)

WFD-550-300 • F • 10/2 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-550-301 • F • 12/4 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-550-100 • TTH • 1/5 to 1/7 • 6 to 9 pm

Microsoft Excel, Level 2 **\$139**

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Strengthen Excel skills as you organize data, create PivotTables, use tables and named ranges, and collaborate through shared workbooks. This course enhances analytical thinking, improves data management efficiency, and builds confidence in handling complex datasets for workplace applications. (7.5 hours)

WFD-551-300 • F • 10/9 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-551-301 • F • 12/11 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Microsoft Excel, Level 3 **\$139**

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Master advanced Excel tools as you apply complex formulas, automate tasks, analyze data, and build what-if scenarios. This course develops high-level problem-solving skills, strengthens data interpretation skills, and enhances analytical decision-making in complex workplace and data-driven environments. (7.5 hours)

WFD-552-300 • F • 10/16 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-552-301 • F • 12/18 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Check elgin.edu/ce for evening dates and times.

Microsoft PowerPoint, Level 1 **\$139**

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Create effective presentations as you design slides, apply formatting, add visuals, and use transitions and basic delivery tools. This course builds professional presentation and communication skills while strengthening audience engagement, visual design, storytelling techniques, and confidence in delivering clear, organized presentations. (7.5 hours)

WFD-565-300 • F • 11/13 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Microsoft PowerPoint, Level 2 **\$139**

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Enhance presentation design skills as you apply animation, integrate multimedia, collaborate on projects, and refine visual storytelling techniques. This course strengthens professional communication, improves design quality, and builds advanced presentation development skills while increasing audience engagement and workplace effectiveness. (7.5 hours)

WFD-566-300 • F • 11/20 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Microsoft Word, Level 1 **\$139**

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Learn to format text, structure pages, and design professional layouts using Word tools. This course strengthens communication, enhances formatting accuracy, and improves workplace document production, editing proficiency, and professional writing effectiveness across business and academic settings. (7.5 hours)

WFD-555-300 • F • 10/30 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-555-100 • TTH • 1/12 to 1/14 • 6 to 9 pm

COMING SOON!

Become a Justice-Impacted Ally: Building Pathways to Success

Make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals returning to their communities. During this interactive training, you will explore the challenges of reentry, impacts of trauma and stigma, key legal and ethical considerations, and best practices for creating inclusive environments. Whether you work in education, human resources, social services, workforce development, or community organizations, this training will help you become a more informed and effective ally.

For more information, email r3@elgin.edu.

Microsoft Word, Level 2

\$139

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Expand Word skills as you design professional documents, manage references, apply advanced formatting, and use collaboration tools for editing and review. This course enhances document control, strengthens formatting precision, builds professional communication skills, improves editing efficiency, and supports workplace productivity. (7.5 hours)

WFD-556-300 • F • 11/6 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

Microsoft Outlook

\$139

PREPARES YOU FOR: MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST, MICROSOFT

Organize communication and workflow as you manage email, calendars, contacts, and tasks in Outlook. This course builds scheduling efficiency, strengthens professional communication skills, and improves daily workplace organization and time management, supporting productivity and effective workflow management in professional environments. (7.5 hours)

WFD-560-300 • F • 10/23 • 8 am to 4:30 pm

WFD-560-100 • TTH • 1/19 to 1/21 • 6 to 9 pm



TECHNOLOGY

CompTIA A+ Exam Prep, Core 1: Hardware

\$1,299

PREPARES YOU FOR: COMPTIA A+ HARDWARE CERTIFICATION, COMPTIA

Develop IT hardware skills as you learn to install, configure, and troubleshoot computers, devices, and networking components. This course builds foundational technical support skills, strengthens problem-solving abilities, and prepares you for real-world IT support environments. You must complete WFD-501 and WFD-502 for completion. Book, test prep, and first exam included. (30 hours)

WFD-501-300 • THF • 10/1 to 10/30 • 6 to 9 pm

CompTIA A+ Exam Prep, Core 2: Software

\$1,299

PREPARES YOU FOR: COMPTIA A+ SOFTWARE CERTIFICATION, COMPTIA

Develop IT software skills as you learn to install, configure, and troubleshoot operating systems and applications. This course builds foundational technical support skills, strengthens problem-solving abilities, and prepares you for real-world IT support environments. You must complete WFD-502 and WFD-501 for completion. Book, test prep, and exam vouchers included. (30 hours)

WFD-502-300 • THF • 11/12 to 12/18 • 6 to 9 pm

SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY JOB FAIR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 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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THE REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE YOU NEED

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, or to earn college 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 at elgin.edu/spel.

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.

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.

FREE TO ATTEND

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WIOA

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Works For You!

FREE TRAINING FOR IN-DEMAND CAREERS

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
- Healthcare
- 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.

Who is eligible?

WIOA is designed to help people with significant barriers to employment or training for high-quality jobs.

Contact us today to see if you qualify at wioa@elgin.edu.



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



Look for WIOA-approved classes throughout this guide.

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

ADULTS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS



ECC supports your journey

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.

ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF CREDENTIALING (AMOC)

Almost completed high school and just a few credits short of graduation? We can help fill in the gaps through the AMOC program.

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 healthcare, 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)
- Alternative Method of Credentialing (AMOC)
- State of Illinois High School Diploma Test Prep (HSE/GED)
- Integrated Career and Academic Preparation System (ICAPS)
- Transitions Bridge Classes

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HOURS:

Monday through Thursday: 8 am to 7 pm

Friday: 8 am to 4 pm



Capacitación Profesional y Desarrollo de Carrera

Inicia una nueva carrera con capacitación a corto plazo o fortalece tus habilidades con clases de desarrollo profesional en ECC.

SERVICIOS DE ALIMENTOS Y HOSPITALIDAD

Certificación de Gerente de Alimentos, ServSafe

\$199

LE PREPARA PARA: GERENTE CERTIFICADO DE SEGURIDAD DE LOS ALIMENTOS (CFPM) CON CERTIFICACIÓN ANSI, SERVSAFE

Desarrolle habilidades en materia de seguridad de los alimentos mientras aprende sobre la higiene, la manipulación de los alimentos y el cumplimiento de las normas basadas en los estándares del Departamento de Salud Pública de Illinois. Este curso permite adquirir conocimientos prácticos sobre la preparación segura de los alimentos, los procedimientos de conservación y el cumplimiento de las normas sanitarias en el entorno de los servicios de alimentos. Incluye el libro y el primer examen. (10 horas)

WFD-602-301 • M • 9/29 • 8 am a 6 pm

WFD-602-302 • M • 10/27 • 8 am a 6 pm

WFD-602-303 • M • 11/17 • 8 am a 6 pm

MONTACARGAS

Programas de capacitación para instructores de montacargas

Incorpore en su empresa los programas de capacitación para instructores de montacargas, que incluyen los montacargas de operador parado y sentado, las plataformas elevadoras y mucho más, personalizados para satisfacer sus necesidades de capacitación de la fuerza laboral.

Operador de montacargas - sentado **\$199**

LE PREPARA PARA: OPERADOR DE MONTACARGAS, OSHA

Desarrolle habilidades en el manejo de los montacargas mientras aprende a operar de manera segura un montacargas industrial de operador sentado, al mismo tiempo que completa la capacitación de seguridad requerida por la OSHA y la evaluación del desempeño del conductor. Este curso fomenta la concientización sobre la seguridad en el lugar de trabajo, la confianza en el manejo de los equipos y las habilidades operativas prácticas para entornos industriales. Requisito previo: Debe tener 18 años de edad. (8 horas)

WFD-406-300 • S • 8/22 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

WFD-406-301 • S • 9/19 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

WFD-406-302 • S • 10/17 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

WFD-406-303 • S • 11/14 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

Operador de montacargas - parado **\$199**

LE PREPARA PARA: OPERADOR DE MONTACARGAS, OSHA

Desarrolle habilidades en el manejo de montacargas mientras aprende a operar de manera segura un montacargas industrial de operador parado, al mismo tiempo que completa la capacitación de seguridad requerida por la OSHA y la evaluación del desempeño del conductor. Este curso fomenta la concientización sobre la seguridad en el lugar de trabajo, la confianza en el manejo de los equipos y las habilidades operativas prácticas para entornos industriales. Requisito previo: Debe tener 18 años de edad. (8 horas)

WFD-407-300 • S • 8/15 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

WFD-407-301 • S • 9/12 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

WFD-407-302 • S • 10/10 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

WFD-407-303 • S • 11/7 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

SALUD Y BIENESTAR

Capacitación para personal comunitario de respuesta: Capacitación de emergencia para personas sin formación médica **\$79**

Aprenda las habilidades esenciales para salvar vidas a través de los cursos de RCP, primeros auxilios, patógenos transmitidos por la sangre y Stop the Bleed de la Asociación Americana del Corazón (Heartsaver). Adquiera la confianza necesaria para actuar ante situaciones de emergencia, controlar las hemorragias y prestar cuidados vitales hasta que lleguen los servicios de emergencia profesionales. (8 horas)

WFD-310-300 • S • 10/3 • 8:30 am a 5 pm

WFD-310-301 • S • 11/7 • 8:30 am a 5 pm

ILDERAZGO

Esta clase también puede impartirse directamente en las instalaciones de su negocio. Envíe un correo electrónico a cemailbox@elgin.edu para obtener más detalles.

Habilidades para nuevos supervisores **NUEVO** **\$199**

Desarrolle las habilidades de supervisión necesarias para dirigir equipos de forma eficaz. Adquirirá habilidades en la toma de decisiones, el establecimiento de objetivos, la delegación, la rendición de cuentas, la retroalimentación y las conversaciones difíciles. Este curso le ayuda a ganar confianza, mejorar la comunicación e implementar procesos coherentes que fortalezcan las relaciones, aumenten la productividad y fomenten el desarrollo de los empleados en el lugar de trabajo. (8 horas)

WFD-707-300 • J • 11/5 • 8 am a 4:30 pm

FINANZAS PERSONALES

Finanzas 101

\$5

Construya una base financiera sólida mientras explora los bancos, cooperativas de crédito y servicios financieros esenciales. Esta clase es para principiantes y desarrolla los conocimientos prácticos y la confianza para ayudarle a desenvolverse en las instituciones financieras y tomar decisiones informadas sobre la administración del dinero. (1 hora)

CED-271-300 • X • 9/23 • 6:30 a 7:30 pm

Estrategias para sobrevivir a las fiestas con dinero

NUEVO

\$5

Prepárese para la temporada navideña sin estrés financiero en esta clase práctica y participativa. Aprenderá técnicas inteligentes de presupuesto, estrategias de planificación de regalos y formas de evitar la deuda de las tarjetas de crédito sin dejar de disfrutar las celebraciones. Desarrolle la confianza para administrar sus gastos y comenzar el nuevo año con solidez financiera. (1 hora)

PIC-311-300 • X • 10/14 • 6:30 a 7:30 pm

Cómo comprar una casa

\$5

Navegue el proceso de compra de una vivienda mientras aprende sobre los pasos clave, las consideraciones financieras y los roles del sector. Esta clase está dirigida a los compradores potenciales y desarrolla la confianza y los conocimientos para ayudarle a determinar si está listo y comprar una vivienda con éxito. (1 hora)

CED-556-300 • X • 11/11 • 6:30 a 7:30 pm

Reinicio del presupuesto de Año Nuevo

\$5

Tome el control de sus finanzas mientras se prepara para el nuevo año creando un presupuesto personalizado, fomentando los hábitos de ahorro y planificando para las emergencias. Diseñada para principiantes, esta clase desarrolla las habilidades financieras esenciales y proporciona una estrategia sencilla de presupuesto de cinco pasos que puede comenzar a usar de inmediato. (1 hora)

CED-546-100 • X • 12/2 • 6:30 a 7:30 pm

Planificación para la jubilación

\$5

Asegure su futuro explorando estrategias para ahorrar, invertir y planificar a largo plazo. Esta clase está dirigida a adultos en cualquier etapa de la vida y desarrolla habilidades prácticas para ayudarle a prepararse con confianza para la jubilación y lograr una estabilidad financiera duradera. (1 hora)

PIC-315-300 • X • 10/21 • 11 am a 12 pm

Detenga el robo de identidad durante las festividades

NUEVO

\$5

Proteja su información personal durante la ajetreada temporada navideña. Aprenderá cómo ocurre el robo de identidad y cómo prevenirlo. Esta clase desarrolla la conciencia y le ofrece estrategias para reconocer los riesgos, evitar las estafas y responder ante posibles fraudes. (1 hora)

CED-552-300 • X • 10/28 • 6:30 a 7:30 pm



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Personal Interest

Rediscover your interest in crafts, baking, cooking, and history.

Whether you're exploring a creative outlet, diving into the past, or trying something new in the kitchen, ECC offers personal interest classes for all ages. We're always adding new options. For the latest classes, visit elgin.edu/cecourses.

ART AND CREATIVITY

Colorful Canvas

\$39

Unleash your creativity as you follow step-by-step guidance from a local artist to complete a seasonal painting. This class is for all skill levels and builds artistic confidence while you create a finished canvas to display proudly. (3 hours)

CED-467-301 • M • 9/21 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm

CED-467-302 • M • 10/19 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm

CED-467-303 • M • 11/16 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm

CED-467-304 • M • 12/14 • 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Hooked on Crochet

\$75

Discover the joy of crocheting as you learn basic stitches and create simple projects in a supportive setting. This beginner-friendly class builds confidence, creativity, and foundational skills so you can continue crochet projects beyond the classroom. (9 hours)

CED-558-300 • TH • 9/24 to 10/29 • 6 to 7:30 pm



Introduction to Stained Glass NEW

\$89

Discover the timeless art of stained glass while creating a beautiful beginner project. You will practice cutting, grinding, foiling, and soldering glass, then apply your skills to complete a guided piece, building confidence, craftsmanship, and creativity to produce a finished work to display or gift. (6 hours)

PIC-300-300 • F • 10/9 to 10/23 • 6 to 8 pm

Seasonal Wreath Workshop

\$25

Design a custom seasonal wreath using materials such as greenery, burlap, fabric, clothespins, and decorative accents. This class is for all skill levels and builds creativity, design skills, and hands-on confidence while you complete a unique seasonal piece. (2 hours)

PIC-023-300 • W • 10/7 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-023-301 • W • 11/4 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-023-302 • W • 12/2 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-023-100 • W • 1/13 • 6 to 8 pm

Vision Board Workshop: Picture Your Future NEW

\$19

Create a meaningful vision board to explore your goals, clarify your intentions, and design a personalized visual plan using magazines, images, and other creative materials. This hands-on experience encourages self-reflection, motivation, and focused goal-setting for the year ahead. (2 hours)

PIC-001-100 • TH • 1/21 • 6 to 8 pm

Winter Container Gardening NEW

\$39

Design and create a beautiful outdoor winter container. You will use evergreen branches, seasonal berries, and decorative greenery to build a festive display that adds color and charm to your porch or patio. Bring gardening gloves and pruning shears if you have them. (2 hours)

CED-564-300 • T • 12/8 • 6 to 8 pm

STUDY ABROAD IN ITALY IN SUMMER 2027

Discover Italy through culture, language, and the humanities! Spend two unforgettable weeks in beautiful Genoa, Italy, exploring historic cities, local traditions, and Italian culture. Enjoy excursions to Camogli, Torino, Milan, Venice, and more while earning three college credits in a humanities course or choose a non-credit option.



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Learn more at elgin.edu/studyabroad.

Woven Wonders: Intermediate Crochet **\$79**

Expand your crochet skills as you learn new patterns, stitch techniques, and how to read written and charted instructions. This class is for experienced beginners and builds confidence, creativity, and the ability to complete more complex crochet projects. (9 hours)

PIC-012-300 • TH • 11/5 to 12/17 • 6 to 7:30 pm (No class 11/26.)

CULINARY ARTS: COOKING AND BAKING

Buon Natale a Tutti! **\$59**

Celebrate the flavors of the season in this festive class as you prepare traditional Italian Christmas dishes. A memorable holiday feast featuring seafood, comforting soup, and classic sweets that bring warmth, tradition, and cheer to your table awaits. (3 hours)

CEA-459-300 • W • 12/9 • 6 to 9 pm

Cake Decorating **\$49**

Create beautifully decorated cakes as you learn to stack layers, apply smooth frosting, and use professional decorating techniques. This class is for beginners and builds baking and design skills while you decorate a 6-inch cake. (2 hours)

PIC-010-301 • SA • 9/12 • 1 to 3 pm

PIC-010-302 • T • 9/22 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-010-303 • T • 10/6 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-010-304 • SA • 10/17 • 1 to 3 pm

PIC-010-305 • T • 11/10 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-010-306 • SA • 11/21 • 1 to 3 pm

PIC-010-307 • T • 12/1 • 6 to 8 pm

PIC-010-308 • SA • 12/12 • 1 to 3 pm

Cookie Decorating **\$39**

Design stunning cookies as you learn decorating techniques, piping skills, and planning strategies using sugar cookies. This beginner-friendly class builds confidence and creativity while you complete beautifully themed, seasonal cookies that look as impressive as they taste. (1 hour)

CED-998-300 • SA • 9/19 • 3 to 4 pm

CED-998-301 • SA • 10/17 • 3 to 4 pm

CED-998-302 • SA • 11/21 • 3 to 4 pm

CED-998-303 • SA • 12/19 • 3 to 4 pm

Cookie Decorating Extension **\$39**

Build on your cookie decorating skills by creating additional themed sugar cookies using more advanced techniques. This class is designed for students who have completed Cookie Decorating CED-998 (same day) and want to expand creativity, refine piping precision, and gain confidence through hands-on practice. (1 hour)

PIC-016-300 • SA • 9/19 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm

PIC-016-301 • SA • 10/17 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm

PIC-016-302 • SA • 11/21 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm

PIC-016-303 • SA • 12/19 • 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Desserts Made Easy **\$35**

Create simple and delicious desserts as you explore no-bake recipes and flexible techniques. This class is for families and beginners and builds creativity, kitchen confidence, and practical dessert-making skills through fun, hands-on preparation. (2 hours)

PIC-026-300 • SA • 10/24 • 1 to 3 pm

PIC-026-301 • SA • 12/12 • 1 to 3 pm

I'll Have Ravioli! **\$59**

Discover how to make spectacular stuffed pasta dishes from scratch while mastering simple and interesting holiday sweets perfect for your Thanksgiving table. You'll learn traditional techniques, creative fillings, and festive dessert ideas to impress family and elevate your seasonal cooking. (3 hours)

CED-593-300 • W • 11/11 • 6 to 9 pm

Tuscany: The Favoloso Flavors of Fall **\$59**

Discover the flavors of autumn as you turn fall harvest ingredients into delicious Italian dishes. You'll create seasonal recipes inspired by Tuscany while building cooking skills, confidence, and appreciation for fresh, seasonal ingredients. There is even a Halloween surprise. (3 hours)

CEA-457-300 • W • 10/14 • 6 to 9 pm

DANCE

Ballroom and Jazz Fusion **\$39**

Learn foundational ballroom styles as you practice waltz, box step, mambo, and jazz-inspired movement. This class is for all skill levels and builds rhythm, coordination, and confidence while you develop expressive dance techniques in a fun, energetic environment. (5 hours)

PIC-019-300 • F • 10/2 to 10/30 • 6 to 7 pm

FITNESS AND MARTIAL ARTS

Self-Defense **\$79**

Build strength and confidence as you practice grappling, striking, and kicking techniques, including basic weapons defense. This class is for beginner and intermediate participants and develops practical self-defense skills, awareness, and the ability to respond effectively in real-world situations. (8 hours)

CED-291-300 • T • 10/6 to 11/24 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Zumba Lunch Break **NEW** **\$39**

Experience Zumba where everybody and every body is welcome! Each class brings people together to sweat it out and have fun, blending low- and high-intensity moves into an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party that boosts energy and confidence. (6 hours)

PIC-201-300 • F • 9/25 to 10/30 • 12 to 1 pm

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Community Responder

Training: Emergency

Training for Laypersons

\$99

Learn essential lifesaving skills through American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR, First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens, and Stop the Bleed training. Build confidence to respond to emergencies, control bleeding, and provide critical care until professional responders arrive. (8 hours)

WFD-309-300 • SA • 10/10 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

WFD-309-301 • SA • 11/14 • 8:30 am to 5 pm

Mindful Art and Meditation

\$59

Combine creativity and mindfulness as you practice meditation techniques followed by guided artistic expression. This class is for all levels and builds relaxation, focus, and emotional awareness through activities like drawing, coloring, and intuitive painting. (9 hours)

PIC-029-300 • M • 10/5 to 11/9 • 5:30 to 7 pm

PIC-029-301 • M • 11/16 to 12/21 • 5:30 to 7 pm

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Jump-Start Your Genealogy Journey **\$29**

Begin your family history research as you learn how to gather records, use online databases, and build a family tree. This class is for beginners and builds research skills, historical understanding, and confidence in tracing ancestral connections. (3 hours)

PIC-027-300 • TH • 9/24 to 10/8 • 6 to 7 pm

Branch Out:

A Guided Genealogy Lab

\$29

Continue your genealogy journey in this hands-on lab as you actively build your family tree. Use genealogy websites, historical records, census documents, and newspapers while applying research strategies with guided, one-on-one support to deepen your family history discoveries. (3 hours)

PIC-100-300 • TH • 10/15 to 10/29 • 6 to 7 pm

LANGUAGES

American Sign Language (ASL)

\$99

Start your journey in ASL with this six-week, interactive course. This class introduces finger spelling, essential vocabulary, and basic grammatical structures through hands-on practice. Build a strong foundation and gain the confidence to continue developing your ASL skills. (10 hours)

CED-325-300 • T • 10/13 to 11/17 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

American Sign Language (ASL)

Continuation

\$99

Strengthen your communication skills as you expand ASL vocabulary and practice real-world conversations. This class is for those who have taken ASL and would like to build fluency, confidence, and the ability to engage more comfortably in everyday interactions. (10 hours)

CED-326-300 • T • 10/13 to 11/17 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Spanish in the Workplace

\$119

Communicate with confidence as you learn essential Spanish words and phrases for workplace interactions. This beginner class builds practical language skills that enhance customer service, professionalism, and your ability to support Spanish-speaking clients effectively. (12 hours)

CED-570-300 • TH • 10/15 to 11/19 • 6 to 8 pm

PERSONAL FINANCE

Finances 101

\$5

Build a strong financial foundation as you explore banks, credit unions, and essential financial services. This class is for beginners and develops practical knowledge and confidence to help you navigate financial institutions and make informed money management decisions. (1 hour)

CED-265-300 • W • 9/23 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Holiday Money Survival Strategies **\$5**

Prepare for the holiday season without financial stress in this practical, hands-on class. You will learn smart budgeting techniques, gift planning strategies, and ways to avoid credit card debt while still enjoying celebrations. Build confidence to manage spending and start the new year financially strong. (1 hour)

PIC-310-300 • W • 10/14 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

How to Buy a House

\$5

Navigate the home-buying journey as you learn key steps, financial considerations, and industry roles. This class is for prospective buyers and builds confidence and knowledge to help you determine readiness and successfully purchase a home. (1 hour)

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

New Year Budget Reset

\$5

Take control of your finances as you prepare for the new year by creating a personalized budget, building savings habits, and planning for emergencies. Designed for beginners, this class develops essential financial skills and provides a simple five-step budgeting strategy you can use immediately. (1 hour)

CED-273-300 • W • 12/2 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Stop Holiday Identify Theft **\$5**

Protect your personal information during the busy holiday season as you learn how identity theft occurs and how to prevent it. This class is for individuals seeking greater security and builds awareness and practical strategies to help you recognize risks, avoid scams, and respond to potential fraud. (1 hour)

CED-551-300 • W • 10/28 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

PHOTOGRAPHY

Holiday Photography

\$19

Capture the magic of the season in this hands-on holiday photography class. You will explore lighting with tree lights, practice natural and posed portraits, and learn both formal and informal composition techniques to create warm, memorable images full of festive spirit. (2 hours)

PIC-301-300 • SA • 11/7 • 11 am to 1 pm

Introduction to Digital Photography \$19

Capture better photos as you learn camera settings, composition, lighting, and creative techniques. This class is for beginners and builds photography skills and artistic confidence while you develop the ability to take visually compelling images. (2 hours)

PIC-020-300 • SA • 9/12 • 11 am to 1 pm

SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY

Arduino: Getting Started \$15

Explore electronics fundamentals as you use Arduino to build simple interactive projects with sensors and circuits. This class is for beginners and builds foundational knowledge of digital and analog systems while you gain hands-on experience with basic hardware prototyping. (2 hours)

PIC-014-300 • TH • 9/3 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

PIC-014-301 • TH • 12/3 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Arduino: Wearable LEDs \$15

Build wearable tech as you learn to program and control LED systems using an Arduino microcontroller. This class is for learners with little or no coding experience and builds foundational electronics skills, programming knowledge, and hands-on experience creating illuminated wearable designs. (2 hours)

PIC-013-300 • TH • 9/17 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

PIC-013-301 • TH • 12/10 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Canva for Business \$29

Create professional marketing materials as you learn Canva tools for branding, social media, and business promotion. You'll develop design skills, strengthen visual branding confidence, and improve marketing effectiveness across digital and print platforms for business use. (3 hours)

PIC-036-300 • TH • 10/15 to 10/22 • 6 to 7:30 pm

Canva for Everyday Projects \$29

Design personal creative projects as you learn to use Canva for invitations, collages, and social media graphics. You'll build beginner digital design skills, strengthen creativity, and gain confidence producing polished, eye-catching visual content for everyday personal use. (3 hours)

PIC-035-300 • TH • 9/24 to 10/1 • 6 to 7:30 pm

PIC-035-301 • TH • 12/3 to 12/10 • 6 to 7:30 pm

Tinkercad: Getting Started \$15

Create your first 3D design as you learn to navigate Tinkercad, build a custom nametag, and prepare it for printing. This class is for beginners and builds digital design skills and confidence while you complete a ready-to-print 3D model. (2 hours)

PIC-015-300 • TH • 9/10 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

PIC-015-301 • T • 12/1 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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Thriving After 55

Our classes for those 55+ offer a fun, affordable way to stay active, creative, and connected.

DANCE AND FITNESS

Laughter Yoga \$29

Boost wellness through movement as you practice laughter exercises, breathing techniques, and gentle activity. This class is for adults ages 55+ and builds stress-reduction skills, improves mood, and enhances overall well-being through guided group participation. (3 hours)

PIC-028-300 • T • 10/6 to 11/3 • 6 to 7 pm

PIC-028-301 • T • 11/10 to 12/15 • 6 to 7 pm

Zumba From Your Chair \$39

Move to the rhythm in this low-impact chair Zumba class designed to get you dancing from a seated position. You will boost cardiovascular health, improve mobility, and enjoy energizing music while building confidence and having fun in a supportive environment. (6 hours)

PIC-200-300 • F • 9/25 to 10/30 • 1:30 to 2:30 pm

FINANCE

Retirement Planning \$5

Secure your future as you explore strategies for saving, investing, and long-term planning. This class is for adults at any life stage and builds practical skills to help you confidently prepare for retirement and achieve lasting financial stability. (1 hour)

CED-557-300 • W • 10/21 • 10 to 11 am

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SAFETY

Senior Safety FREE

Learn practical personal safety and physical self-defense awareness skills to help you stay safe in everyday situations. Build situational awareness, recognize potential threats, avoid danger, and respond confidently in public spaces, during emergencies, and in everyday environments. Registration is required. (1 hour)

CED-565-300 • TH • 11/12 • 10 to 11 am

HISTORY AND CULTURE

Elgin Transformed: Technology and Growth \$29

Discover Elgin's story as you explore its growth through migration, industry, and innovation. This class is for community learners ages 55+ and builds a deeper understanding of the city's historical impact on watchmaking, dairy production, and technological advancement. (3.75 Hours)

CED-577-300 • M • 11/2 to 11/16 • 6 to 7:15 pm

WRITING

How to Write a Memoir \$59

Share your story as you explore memoir writing through readings, guided prompts and exercises, and peer feedback. This class is for adults ages 55+ and builds storytelling skills and confidence, resulting in meaningful written reflections to preserve your personal experiences. (6 hours)

CED-569-300 • TH • 10/22 to 11/5 • 10 to 11 am

55+ TECH LAB

Build confidence with technology in this monthly, hands-on lab designed for adults 55+. Each session focuses on practical digital skills you can use every day, with guided instruction, simple steps, and plenty of time for questions and personalized support.

Computer Basics \$10

Learn essential computer skills in this beginner-friendly class. Practice using a mouse and keyboard, navigating Windows or Mac, organizing files and folders, and browsing the internet safely. Build confidence through hands-on instruction designed to support everyday tasks like email, documents, and online communication. (1 hour)

CED-572-300 • T • 9/29 • 10 to 11 am

Smartphone Basics \$10

Learn essential smartphone skills in this beginner-friendly class. Explore calling, texting, settings, apps, and navigation tips on iPhone or Android devices. Build confidence using your phone for everyday communication, organization, and convenience with step-by-step guidance and hands-on support. (1 hour)

CED-571-300 • T • 10/27 • 10 to 11 am

Staying Safe Online NEW \$10

Understand how to recognize and avoid online scams, phishing emails, and unsafe links. You will learn simple strategies to protect personal information, strengthen privacy settings, and browse safely. This class builds confidence for using email, websites, and social media securely. (1 hour)

PIC-105-300 • T • 11/17 • 10 to 11 am

Safe Passwords and Digital Security NEW \$10

Learn how to create strong passwords, manage accounts, and protect personal information online. You will explore password managers, security settings, and best practices for keeping digital accounts safe. This class helps build simple habits that strengthen your everyday cybersecurity confidence. (1 hour)

PIC-106-300 • T • 12/15 • 10 to 11 am



A FRESH START BEGINS WITH THE RIGHT SUPPORT

Thanks to funding through the **Illinois R3 (Restore, Reinvest, Renew) Grant**, eligible justice-impacted individuals can access **free career and employment services** designed to help build a successful future.

Whether you're exploring a new career, returning to school, or searching for employment, our team is here to support you every step of the way.

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Explore the ideas, stories, and questions that shape our lives and our world. Our Humanities Center events feature engaging talks, conversations, and programs designed for curious minds.

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See the full schedule: elgin.edu/humanitiescenter



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KIDS' COLLEGE



It's playing and learning at the same time!

Classes for children ages 5 to 17 to engage their growing minds and bodies.
Learn more at elgin.edu/kidscollege.

ART AND CREATIVITY

Drama Club

\$59

Step into the spotlight as students unleash their inner performer! Students will explore theater through improvisation, storytelling, and character work. This class builds creativity, confidence, and teamwork while introducing foundational acting skills in a fun, supportive environment for learners of all experience levels. (6 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

CEK-194-300 • T • 10/13 to 11/17 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-155-300 • T • 10/13 to 11/17 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Magical Fairy Houses

\$29

Step into a magical world of creativity as students design and build their own fairy houses using clay. In this hands-on workshop, students bring their creations to life with vibrant paint while exploring imagination, artistic techniques, and fine motor skills. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-120-300 • M • 11/9 to 11/16 • 5:30 to 7:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-121-300 • M • 11/9 to 11/16 • 6:30 to 8 pm

Young Artists' Studio

\$29

Develop artistic skills as students explore watercolor, pastels, acrylics, and mixed media. This class encourages creativity, technical ability, and self-expression through hands-on projects while building foundational skills, confidence, and an appreciation for a variety of artistic techniques and materials. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-024-300 • SA • 10/10 to 10/24 • 9:30 to 10:30 am

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-025-300 • SA • 10/10 to 10/24 • 10:30 to 11:30 am

Vision Board Workshop for Teens **\$19**

Explore goals and dreams in this vision board workshop. Teens explore interests, set intentions, and design a personalized vision board using magazines, images, and creative materials. This hands-on experience inspires self-expression, motivation, and goal-setting. (2 hours)

AGES 13 TO 17

KCC-094-300 • T • 9/29 • 6 to 8 pm

Great Candy Cane Caper

\$19

Join in for a fun, energetic adventure exploring the ECC campus. Students work in teams, navigating clues and challenges across campus pit stops to earn their next clue and a treat. The focus is on teamwork, observation, and problem-solving. (2 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-150-300 • M • 12/21 • 10 am to 12 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-151-300 • M • 12/21 • 1 to 3 pm



KIDS' CRAFT LAB

Explore creativity in this monthly craft lab where kids design seasonal projects using a variety of materials and techniques. Each session encourages imagination, fine motor skills, and self-expression while creating fun, hands-on crafts inspired by holidays, nature, and changing seasons.

"Stained Glass" Fall Leaves

\$5

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-110-300 • TH • 9/17 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-111-300 • TH • 9/17 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Paper Pumpkins

\$5

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-112-301 • TH • 10/15 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-113-300 • TH • 10/15 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Pinecone Turkeys

\$5

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-114-302 • TH • 11/19 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-115-302 • TH • 11/19 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Giant Snowflakes

\$5

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-116-303 • TH • 12/17 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-117-303 • TH • 12/17 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

COLLEGE READINESS

ACT Test Prep **NEW**

\$99

Strengthen ACT performance in this fast-paced refresher designed for motivated students.

Students review key strategies and core content across English, math, reading, and science. Student confidence is built through targeted practice, timed practice questions, and proven test-taking techniques to improve test readiness. (15 hours)

AGES 16 TO 18

KCC-132-300 • M • 11/2 to 11/30 • 6 to 9 pm



FINANCE

Build Your Credit for Teens and Young Adults **NEW**

\$5

Learn how to build and manage credit with confidence in this beginner-friendly class for teens and young adults. The best time to start building credit is during college to prepare for qualifying for car loans, apartments, and other financial responsibilities after graduation. (1 hour)

AGES 15 TO 20

KCC-183-300 • M • 11/23 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm



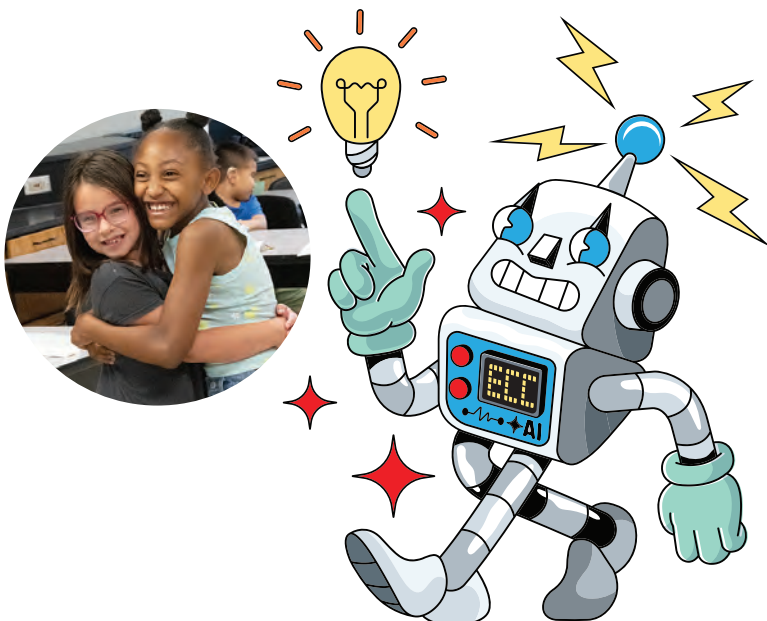
Smart Money for Teens and Young Adults **NEW**

\$5

Learn how to take control of money in this beginner-friendly class for teens and young adults preparing for college and independent living. Students will explore everyday expenses, build a simple budget, and gain practical money management skills for college life. (1 hour)

AGES 15 TO 20

KCC-095-300 • M • 12/21 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm



GAMES

Dungeons & Dragons: Young Adventurers **NEW**

\$59

Embark on an epic adventure as students learn the basics of Dungeons & Dragons. Students create unique characters, solve challenges, and complete quests while building teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, and storytelling skills through guided, beginner-friendly gameplay. No prior experience is needed — just imagination. (12 hours)

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-340-300 • M • 9/28 to 11/2 • 6 to 8 pm

Dungeons & Dragons: Teen Campaign Basics **NEW**

\$59

Enter the world of fantasy role-playing as students explore the fundamentals of Dungeons & Dragons. Students build characters, learn core rules, engage in combat, and collaborate on storytelling adventures while strengthening strategic thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through guided, beginner-friendly campaign play. (12 hours)

AGES 14 TO 17

KCC-341-300 • W • 9/30 to 11/4 • 6 to 8 pm



LANGUAGE

Let's Learn Spanish

\$59

Build language skills as students learn foundational Spanish vocabulary and simple conversational phrases. This class develops confidence in communication and introduces basic language structures through engaging, interactive activities designed for beginner learners. (6 hours)

AGES 7 TO 10

CEK-239-300 • M • 9/21 to 10/26 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

CEK-239-301 • M • 11/2 to 12/7 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 11 TO 13

KCC-162-300 • M • 9/21 to 10/26 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

KCC-162-301 • M • 11/2 to 12/7 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm



SAFETY

Babysitting Essentials

\$159

Prepare for real-world responsibility as students learn child care, safety, nutrition, and emergency response skills. This class builds confidence and leadership while providing CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens, and Stop the Bleed certifications and foundational skills to successfully babysit and manage responsibilities. (16 hours)

AGES 12 TO 16

KCC-015-300 • SA • 11/7 to 11/14 • 8:30 am to 5 pm



Kids' Self-Defense

\$79

Strengthen skills and coordination as students practice grappling, striking, and kicking techniques. This class develops focus, physical fitness, and social skills through engaging drills while helping students gain confidence and form positive connections with peers. (8 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

CEK-009-300 • M • 10/5 to 11/23 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 14

KCC-032-300 • T • 10/6 to 11/24 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm



Personal Safety for Students NEW

\$19

Build confidence and practical self-defense skills to prepare for college and independent living. Students will learn personal safety awareness, situational strategies, boundary-setting, and basic techniques. Students will come away with tools to stay safe on campus and while commuting, traveling, and navigating new environments. (2 hours)

AGES 15 TO 17

KCC-103-300 • M • 11/30 • 4:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 18 TO 20

KCC-131-300 • M • 11/30 • 6:30 to 8:30 pm

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH (STEM)

Coding Club: Programming 101

\$79

Unlock the power of code as students create games, design characters, and generate digital projects. This class builds foundational programming, creativity, and problem-solving skills while introducing students to the exciting possibilities of computer science. (8 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

CEK-256-300 • W • 10/14 to 12/9 • 6 to 7 pm (No class 11/25.)

Coding Club: Web Development

\$79

Build real websites as students learn HTML and CSS through 14 hands-on, practical projects and programming challenges. This class develops creativity, problem-solving, and foundational coding skills while students design, build, and launch interactive web pages in a fun, project-based environment. (8 hours)

AGES 10 TO 14

KCC-019-300 • W • 10/14 to 12/9 • 7 to 8 pm (No class 11/25.)

LEGO Design and Build Lab

\$79

Design, build, and imagine as students take on themed LEGO challenges and storytelling projects. This class introduces basic engineering, math, and design concepts while developing creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork through hands-on construction in a fun, collaborative environment. (8 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-128-300 • TH • 10/1 to 11/19 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-104-300 • TH • 10/1 to 11/19 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Mars Rover Workshop

\$29

Get ready to explore like a NASA engineer! In this hands-on workshop, students will test a Mars rover, discover the challenges of space exploration, and develop problem-solving skills using robotics while learning how real rovers navigate the Red Planet. (2 hours)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-021-300 • SA • 10/10 • 9 to 11 am

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-126-300 • SA • 10/10 • 11 am to 1 pm

AGES 14 TO 17

KCC-125-300 • SA • 10/10 • 1 to 3 pm



Make and Take STEM Workshop

Design and build exciting projects as students explore STEM concepts through hands-on activities they can take home. These classes build engineering, problem-solving, and creativity skills.

Lava Lamp NEW

\$19

Investigate density and chemical reactions as students create a colorful lava lamp using oil, water, food coloring, and effervescent tablets. This hands-on experiment builds understanding of scientific concepts while encouraging curiosity, observation skills, and creative exploration through engaging, visual learning. (1 hour)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-133-300 • T • 9/22 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-134-300 • T • 9/22 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Slime Bubbles NEW

\$19

Explore polymers and chemical reactions as students create stretchy slime using glue, activators, and colorful additives. This hands-on activity builds understanding of material properties while encouraging creativity, experimentation, and observation through an engaging and sensory-rich science experience. (1 hour)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-139-300 • T • 10/6 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-140-300 • T • 10/6 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm



Balloon-Powered Cars NEW

\$19

Construct simple balloon cars as students explore propulsion, force, and motion through hands-on building and racing challenges. This engaging activity builds problem-solving skills, encourages experimentation, and helps students understand basic physics concepts as they test and improve their designs. (1 hour)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-137-300 • T • 11/10 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-138-300 • T • 11/10 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Paper Circuit Greeting Card NEW

\$19

Learn basic circuitry as students create a light-up greeting card using LEDs, coin batteries, and copper tape. This hands-on project builds understanding of electrical flow while encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and design skills through an engaging and interactive experience. (1 hour)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-141-300 • T • 12/1 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-142-300 • T • 12/1 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Catapult Challenge NEW

\$19

Build a mini catapult as students explore force, trajectory, and accuracy through fun launching experiments. This hands-on activity encourages problem-solving, testing, and design improvements while helping students understand basic physics concepts through engaging and interactive challenges. (1 hour)

AGES 5 TO 9

KCC-135-100 • T • 1/5 • 5:30 to 6:30 pm

AGES 10 TO 13

KCC-136-100 • T • 1/5 • 6:30 to 7:30 pm



DATE NIGHT FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Create a memorable evening for both parents and kids. Parents can enjoy dedicated time together in a hands-on Italian cooking experience, while kids participate in a separate, supervised craft workshop designing handmade gifts to take home and share.

FOR PARENTS: That's Amore! NEW

A Romantic, Italian Dinner **\$99/Couple**

Create an unforgettable five-course Italian meal while practicing authentic techniques with fresh ingredients. Designed for all skill levels, this hands-on class builds culinary confidence while you prepare a full, restaurant-quality dining experience from appetizer through dessert. (3 hours)

CEA-152-300 • F • 10/9 • 6 to 9 pm

FOR KIDS: Made with Love: NEW

Gifts for Mom and Dad

\$19

Design and create meaningful handmade gifts in a fun, hands-on workshop. While parents enjoy their evening, students use simple craft materials to make unique keepsakes. Each project becomes a heartfelt, one-of-a-kind gift ready to take home and share. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 11

KCC-200-300 • F • 10/9 • 6 to 9 pm

Let's Blow Off Some STEAM

NO-SCHOOL DISCOVERY DAYS

Engage in hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) activities designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and problem-solving. Through interactive projects, students explore, build, and experiment while having fun in a high-energy learning environment during a day off from school.

Lunch Club

\$10

Join Lunch Club as a supervised bridge between classes where students bring a sack lunch and enjoy a safe, structured break.

AGES 5 TO 11

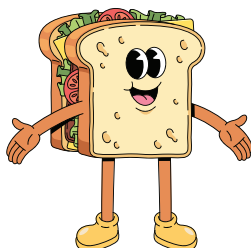
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KCC-097-300 • M • 11/2 • 12 to 1 pm

KCC-097-300 • T • 11/3 • 12 to 1 pm

KCC-097-300 • W • 11/25 • 12 to 1 pm

KCC-097-300 • M • 12/21 • 12 to 1 pm



Bloomin' Flowers Paper Craft

\$19

Create beautiful flowers and decorative designs using paper crafting techniques that inspire creativity and precision. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-042-300 • M • 11/2 • 1 to 4 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-073-300 • M • 11/2 • 9 am to 12 pm



Build It

\$19

Put engineering and creativity to the test through hands-on building challenges that spark innovation and curiosity. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-043-300 • M • 11/2 • 9 am to 12 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-074-300 • M • 11/2 • 1 to 4 pm

Energy Lab

\$19

Discover how energy powers the world through hands-on experiments and engineering challenges. (3 hours)

AGES 12 TO 15

KCC-100-300 • M • 11/2 • 9 am to 12 pm

KCC-100-301 • M • 12/21 • 1 to 4 pm

LEGO Imagination Lab

\$19

Build imaginative LEGO creations through hands-on challenges that inspire creativity and innovation. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-037-300 • M • 10/12 • 9 am to 12 pm

KCC-037-301 • M • 12/21 • 9 am to 12 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-067-300 • M • 10/12 • 1 to 4 pm

KCC-067-301 • M • 12/21 • 1 to 4 pm



Mighty Machines

\$19

Explore simple and complex machines through hands-on engineering challenges that build problem-solving and teamwork skills. (3 hours)

AGES 12 TO 15

KCC-099-300 • M • 10/12 • 9 am to 12 pm

KCC-099-303 • W • 11/25 • 1 to 4 pm

Mini Makers Mart

\$19

Create handmade items while exploring creativity and entrepreneurship. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-050-300 • W • 11/25 • 1 to 4 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-081-300 • W • 11/25 • 9 am to 12 pm

AGES 12 TO 15

KCC-123-300 • M • 10/12 • 1 to 4 pm

KCC-123-301 • W • 11/25 • 9 am to 12 pm

Nature Detectives

\$19

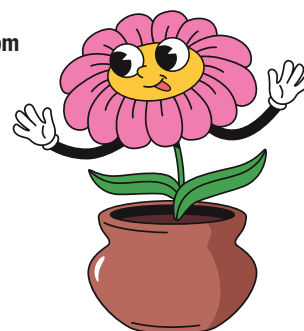
Investigate the natural world through hands-on exploration and discovery. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-057-300 • W • 11/25 • 9 am to 12 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-088-300 • W • 11/25 • 1 to 4 pm



Soundwaves

\$19

Explore how sound is created and shared through music, movement, and hands-on invention. (3 hours)

AGES 12 TO 15

KCC-101-300 • T • 11/3 • 1 to 4 pm

Weird Science

\$19

Dive into fun and wacky science experiments that spark curiosity and excitement. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-049-300 • T • 11/3 • 9 am to 12 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-080-300 • T • 11/3 • 1 to 4 pm

AGES 12 TO 15

KCC-124-300 • T • 11/3 • 9 am to 12 pm



Wild Creations: Nature Crafts

\$19

Use natural materials to create imaginative art projects. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-047-300 • T • 11/3 • 1 to 4 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-078-300 • T • 11/3 • 9 am to 12 pm

Wild, Wild Paint

\$19

Unleash your creativity with bold colors, fun techniques, and imaginative, slightly wild projects. (3 hours)

AGES 5 TO 8

KCC-033-300 • M • 10/12 • 1 to 4 pm

KCC-033-301 • M • 12/21 • 1 to 4 pm

AGES 9 TO 11

KCC-062-300 • M • 10/12 • 9 am to 12 pm

KCC-062-301 • M • 12/21 • 9 am to 12 pm

AGES 12 TO 15

KCC-122-300 • M • 12/21 • 9 am to 12 pm



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Elgin Community College
Center for Emergency Services
815 E. Plank Rd.
Burlington, IL

Informational Session | 10 to 11 am

Considering a career in public service? Join us for an informational presentation on the first-responder programs at ECC! Registration is required; seats are limited.

Touch-A-Truck | 11 am to 2 pm

Bring the whole family for a FREE Touch-A-Truck event and help us celebrate 10 years of the Center for Emergency Services! Explore emergency vehicles, meet first responders, and learn about the vital work they do in our communities. Enjoy food trucks, free ECC giveaways, and exclusive 10th anniversary keepsakes.

**Learn more and
register at elgin.edu/ces.**



TRUCK DRIVING ALUM EXCELS THANKS TO SUPPORT

Giovanni Leyva worked construction jobs to make a living, but wanted a career with greater earning potential. While exploring his options, he found Elgin Community College's (ECC) Truck Driving program and was intrigued by the possibility of earning his commercial driver's license (CDL) in just two months. He was ready to enroll.

Leyva, who communicates through American Sign Language (ASL), worked with ECC's Student Access and Disability Services Office to arrange accommodations before classes began. The office coordinated ASL interpreting services throughout the program, allowing him to fully participate in classroom instruction and hands-on learning. He also connected with the WIOA program to receive free tuition and books.

"Everything was really smooth," Leyva said through ASL interpreter Alyssa Gentile. "Sometimes, there were times when I didn't understand, and I would interrupt, and the teacher had no issue re-explaining something to me. I didn't feel like there were any gaps in communication or huge misunderstandings."

He graduated with a Vocational Specialist Certificate in truck driving in May and has already connected with companies interested in hiring him. His long-term goals are to gain experience, build financial stability, and eventually become an owner-operator.

ECC is committed to providing accommodations and support services to help students succeed in in-demand career training programs. Many career programs can be completed in less than a year. **For more information on how to get the support you need, visit elgin.edu/earn.**

A NEW CAREER IN LESS THAN A YEAR

We can help you return to school and earn credentials to launch your new career in less than one year.

Learn how at our next information session: elgin.edu/earn

One Week to a New Career

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 healthcare 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!

HEALTHCARE

Learn medical terminology, workplace communication, and safety protocols. Earn CPR, First Aid, and Bloodborne Pathogens certifications that open doors to entry-level healthcare positions.



MANUFACTURING

Explore 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.
Learn more at elgin.edu/preapprentice.

Strategic Partnerships and Experiential Learning
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Extraordinary Experiences

AT THE ECC ARTS CENTER

Experience the vibrant spirit of the arts in the Fox Valley at the ECC Arts Center, your destination for unforgettable live entertainment, cultural experiences, and artistic excellence. Our stage has featured Grammy and Tony Award winners, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame legends, and acclaimed performers from Broadway and Hollywood, with even more exceptional experiences coming soon.

Here are a few of the artists we have lined up for this season.

BritBeat

The Beatles Experience

Saturday, September 26



Seán Heely's Celtic Christmas

Friday, December 18

CeCe Teneal's Divas of Soul

Saturday, February 6



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Explore our upcoming performances by visiting eccartscenter.org, calling the box office at 847-622-0300, or scanning the QR code for the latest event information.

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. In the course code number box, enter a class code, class name, or a keyword. Find the class you want, click select and add section, then choose next to proceed to checkout. Follow all prompts and enter your payment information at the end to complete your registration.
- **Previous ECC Students:** If you've taken any class at ECC, including continuing education and Kids' College, you can log in using your existing credentials at elgin.edu/cereg. Using an existing account helps keep track of all of your ECC activities in one place. You will be taken directly to the class registration page and can proceed to register and pay.
- **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.

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HOMEcoming

• 2026 •

HOCO Hype - ECC Spirit Night

September 15

4 pm men's soccer | 6 pm women's volleyball

Aged to Perfection:

Alumni & Friends Wine Tasting

September 18 | 6 to 8 pm

Come Back & Give Back: As You Like It

Saturday, September 19 | 7:30 to 9 pm

SEPTEMBER 15-20

Celebrate Spartan pride

at ECC's first-ever

homecoming celebration!

You can participate in events, activities, and community fun all week long.

Spartan Sprint 5K & Family Run

September 20 | 10 am

Welcome Home Spartan Family Picnic

September 20 | 11:30 am to 2 pm



Register, purchase tickets, and learn more at elgin.edu/homecoming.



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Get Free Job Skills Training

ECC is partnering with our local workforce investment boards to offer free job skills training through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Training is available for qualified individuals in more than 75 programs, including:

- Automotive
- Information Technology
- Business
- Manufacturing
- Healthcare
- 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.



Look for WIOA-approved classes throughout this guide.

elgin.edu/WIOA



Questions?

Contact ECC's Workforce Development Office at 847-214-6901 or WIOA@elgin.edu.



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