

CONTINUING EDUCATION and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Section Eleven

A. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Mission: Continuing Education and Economic Development at Darton State College is dedicated to providing cost effective, cutting edge, innovative non-credit programs, services and expertise to support economic, community and personal development goals that enhance the Southwest Georgia economy, community and quality of life.

Goals: Continuing Education and Economic Development at Darton State College is committed to being a leader and advocate for diverse populations and their lifelong-learning needs, helping businesses, industries, individuals, schools, groups and communities.

We are customer focused. We focus on customizing and offering the right program to the right person at the right time, whether on campus, in community settings, at workforce locations, in person or using distance learning methodologies and technical capabilities. We focus on customizing our offerings to provide a wide range of formats: short courses, seminars, workshops, and symposiums to respond to the needs of adult learners.

Darton State College's Continuing Education and Economic Development Division is a viable partner in the efforts to promote economic development in Southwest Georgia. We actively collaborate with other economic development entities to support shared solutions, innovative initiatives and workforce education to attract new industries, and strengthen existing businesses.

Admission: Courses, programs, seminars, workshops, clinics, symposiums, forums and other activities offered by Continuing Education and Economic Development are non-credit and do not require admission testing. The continuing education approach to learning makes it possible for adults to learn in an informal and non-competitive environment where interest is the primary consideration. Some courses have recommended prerequisites outlined in descriptions when courses are advertised.

Fees: A registration fee is charged for most courses with the amount being published and otherwise advertised at the time the activity is offered. Fees vary depending on the length of course and topic. Waiver of fees for senior citizens does not apply to continuing education programs; however, senior citizens 62 or older receive a 10% discount. We accept cash, VISA, MasterCard and company vouchers.

Frequency of Offering: Courses may start and end at any time during the year. Although Continuing Education publishes fall, winter and summer brochures, our schedule is not limited by the academic calendar. Special single course brochures are also distributed throughout the year. For a copy of current course brochures, call (229) 317-6730.

Continuing Education Unit - CEUs: The Continuing Education Unit represents ten contact hours of participation in an organized activity under reasonable sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction. Individuals who successfully complete the course requirements will receive individual Continuing Education Units or CEUs.

Workshops, Clinics, Conferences, Seminars, Symposiums: A variety of workshops, clinics, conferences, seminars and symposiums are scheduled throughout the year. These programs are short; consisting of one-to-two day(s) or evening(s) with highly concentrated specialized instruction.

Personal Enrichment Programs: A broad range of short courses is offered for lifelong learning opportunities in a wide range of education areas, including: art, music, language, computers, recreation and sports.