Community Education

Community Education is designed for the community. Short-term, not-for-credit classes for adults and children provide fun and enrichment in a number of areas.

For adults, we offer business and management training, arts and hobbies classes, programs to improve health and fitness, computer applications to enhance school and work skills, classes to help you make money and much more. Our College for Youth Program includes classes and camps in math, English, study skills, science, sports and more. If you or your children can’t get to campus, we have online classes to help you meet your personal or professional needs. You’ll find something for everyone here at Gavilan. Check out our website at http://gavilan.augusoft.net for our current classes.

Community Education classes are not supported by taxpayers. Fees are charged to cover program expenses.

Contract Education

If your organization needs training, Contract Education can help. We can train your employees at your site or ours at a time that is convenient for you targeted to your business needs. From leadership to customer service or ESL to supervision, we have trainers that are experts in the field and can bring real-world experience to your organization.

In addition to our customized training, our Professional Development Institute (PDI) was established to meet the needs of the small business. Throughout the year, workshops are held in local cities in employee, management and leadership development. No more traveling to San Jose or San Francisco for training. Just give us a call to find out about our upcoming workshops in your area.

Call 408-847-2514 to find out how we can help you positively impact employee performance and improve the bottom line of your business.
Noncredit Program

Noncredit courses are offerings designed to meet the special needs and capabilities of those students who do not desire or need to obtain unit credit. These courses provide remedial, developmental, occupational and other general education opportunities. These courses and programs are further defined categorically under the Education Code, Section 84711, whereby state funding is authorized for nine specific categories.

Older Adults Program - This program offers special interest courses to adults 55 and older. Most of our courses will take place at the older adult facilities to ensure positive enrollment and convenience for students.

Staff Wellness Program - This program is geared toward meeting the needs of working adults. Courses are open to all staff members and the community.

All courses are free of charge. There are no tests, no quizzes and no letter grades. Registration will take place in the Admissions and Records Office or on site at the first class meeting. Students should contact the Noncredit Office directly with any questions or for further information at (408) 848-4859.

MATRICULATION SERVICES

Matriculation is a process that enhances student access to California Community Colleges and promotes and sustains the efforts of students to be successful in their educational goals. Noncredit matriculation services include:

- Assessment (English, math skills or career interests)
- Orientation (for noncredit programs and procedures)
- Counseling (to assist students in identifying educational and career goals and developing an appropriate program of study)

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Anyone 18 years or older can enroll in a noncredit course. Students may enroll in most courses by attending the first class meeting, space permitting and throughout the semester because these courses are designed to be open entry-open exit. Course and program information is published in the Gavilan College Schedule, other publications and through the off-site locations. There are no fees for noncredit courses.

GRADING

Grades are not issued for any of the Older Adults, Home Economics, ESL or Parenting classes that are not vocational/occupational in nature and non high school diploma Transitional Studies.

COURSES

A noncredit course is designed to meet the special needs and capabilities of those student populations who do not desire or need to obtain unit credit. These courses provide remedial, developmental, occupational and other general education opportunities. Noncredit courses are offered in the following noncredit categories:

Basic Skills Courses

Instruction in elementary and secondary basic skills and other courses such as remedial academic courses in reading, mathematics and language arts. Instruction serves adults with limited or no formal education, native and non-native speakers of English who wish to improve their basic skills; adults with difficulties in learning; unemployed or displaced workers who lack skills required for entry-level jobs or job training programs; persons referred by mandated programs and adults unable to read, write or compute.

AH 793 Personal and Career Development

A wide variety of lectures on general themes offered to students throughout the academic year who want short-formatted content to augment their personal, academic and career development. General themes to be explored are: Communication, Interpersonal Skills, Pre-employment, Decision-Making, Financial Literacy, Career and Personal Development. This noncredit course is a combination of lecture, self-assessments and group activities.
ENGL 756    GED Preparation
This course is designed to prepare the student to pass the five General Education Development (GED) tests in Writing, Social Studies, Science, Literature and Mathematics. English grammar and usage, reading comprehension, writing, vocabulary and computational skills are emphasized. The course is designed for students who are 18 years of age or older and elect to take the High School Equivalency Examination.

ENGL 758A    CAHSEE Preparation A English-Language Arts
This course is designed to prepare non-high school graduates for the successful completion of the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination) English-Language Arts by providing them study skill and test taking strategies for answering multiple choice questions and tips on essay writing. This course will focus on word analysis, reading comprehension, literary response, writing strategies, writing conventions and writing applications.

MATH 758B    CAHSEE Preparation B Mathematics
This course is designed to prepare non-high school graduates for the successful completion of the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Examination) Mathematics Test by providing them with study skills and test taking strategies for answering multiple choice questions. The course will focus on basic arithmetic, statistics, data analysis, measurement, Geometry, Algebra, and mathematical reasoning.

ESL Courses
Courses are designed to meet the needs of students whose first language is other than English. The mission of ESL programs for adults in California is to equip students with the language and cultural proficiencies required for the eventual fulfillment of personal, vocational, academic, and citizenship for participation in American Society.

ESL 702A    ESL Citizenship
This course is designed for second language learners that want to prepare for the United States Citizenship test given by the Department of Immigration and U. S. Naturalization Services. The focus will be on communicative English skills and knowledge of American History and Government required for passing the test to become a citizen of the United States. Readings are at the high-beginning/low-intermediate ESL level and will focus on the historical period beginning in the 1600’s on through to 1980.

ESL 702B    ESL Citizenship
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ESL 704A    ESL for the Workplace
This is part A of a content-based integrated skills course for ESL students who want to prepare for immediate entry into the job force. Students expand their language skills within the realm of the work world and specific vocational career of interest while also developing the soft skills needed in the workplace. This course is a combination of lecture, lab, and self-paced instruction.

ESL 704B    ESL in the Workplace
Advisory: ESL 704A
This is a content-based integrated skills course for ESL students who want to prepare for immediate entry into the job force. Students expand their language skills within the realm of the work world and specific vocational career of interest while also developing the soft skills needed in the workplace. This course is a combination of lecture, lab, and self-paced instruction.

Health and Safety Courses
Instruction in health and safety are designed to both prolong life and add to the quality of living. Courses in this category emphasize the positive aspects of maintaining physical, mental and emotional well being.

AH 703    Mindful Stress Reduction
This course is designed to offer participants an experiential approach to reducing stress and improving overall well-being by learning and practicing mindful living skills. Using Mindful Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) techniques, students will learn practical methods that foster insight and awareness into their own ways of reading stress, pain and illness in their daily life. Activities include meditation, journals, guided meditation and some yoga through small and large group participation.

PE 701    Tai Chi for Wellness
This course will introduce the student to the thirty seven posture forms and movements of Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese practice that focuses on slow paced coordinated movements that improve balance, coordination, mobility and breathing. The students will also learn how to use this non-contact exercise program to reduce stress in their daily lives.
Home Economics Courses
This category of instruction offers courses that prepare individuals for entry and/or advanced training in home occupational areas. Courses may also be designed to help individuals and families meet the challenges of daily living and develop the resources for lifelong growth.

Immigrants Courses
Courses are provided to persons eligible for educational services in citizenship, English as a Second Language, and work force preparation courses in the basic skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing, mathematics, decision making and problem solving skills, and other courses required for preparation to participate in job-specific training.

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Older Adults Courses
Older Adults Courses are designed for individuals that are 55 years and older. These are special interest courses for older adults in the community and are held at a variety of locations throughout the college district. These noncredit courses meet at convenient senior citizen centers and other easily accessible places. Students may register with the course instructor at any time during the semester, space permitting. There is no fee for these courses. Courses that meet in healthcare centers are designed for geriatric adults.

AH 741  Body Dynamics and Aging
This course is designed for the 55+ adult student to provide awareness and knowledge of physical fitness, stress management and nutrition to personal health. Discussions will focus on nutrition, sleep disorders, depression, leisure/social activities and chronic conditions that effect the body as aging occurs.

AH 742  Coping with Loss
In this course, the older adult will learn that grief and loss are an integral part of the human experience and they are not alone and that grief is universal. Specific topics will include: the process of normal grieving, tools for effective coping, signs of depression, resiliency skills, and resources available in the community and redefining one’s life after a loss.

ART 760  Arts and Crafts I for Older Adults
A general survey of arts and crafts with an emphasis on exercises and experiments with methods and materials, including: painting, drawing, color theory, composition and rendering, batik or tie-dye, quilting or needlepoint, crocheting or knitting and block printing.

ART 761  Arts and Crafts II for Older Adults
A general survey of arts and crafts with an emphasis on exercises and experiments with methods and materials, including: Metal, leather, fibers, glass, wood, and paper crafts. The crafts will be for both decorative or utilitarian.

ENGL 750  Creative Writing Workshop for Older Adults
A class designed for older adults to develop their writing skills in a peer support group. They are guided in creative expression through prose and poetry. Older adults are encouraged to read their works in class and learn how to respond to writing, guided creative exercises and assignments, sentence and story structure.

ENGL 752  Journal Writing for Older Adults
A class for older adults that will assist them in developing their writing skills through journal keeping. The students will discover the process of using structured exercises to write about their thoughts, feelings and stress responses in an effort to increase self-awareness and healthier living.

ENGL 753  Writing Your Autobiography
This class in creative writing for older adults will explore autobiography as a form of personal expression. Participants will put their experiences on paper. Learn the skills of autobiography including narrative structure, style, vocabulary, event recording and interpretation.

ENGL 754  Discover Your Family History for Older Adults
This class will assist older adults in the research and writing of their family histories. They will collect names of relatives and establish relationships through primary, secondary and/or circumstantial evidence and or documentation. Various sources for researching including Internet use will be encouraged.
ENGL 755  Art of Storytelling for Older Adults
Bridge the generational gap and learn the ancient time-honored way of sharing cultural values and passing down history from one generation to the next. Storytelling is a valuable way to increase intergenerational understanding and unity and creates an opportunity for children and adults in the community to have their lives enriched by this creative activity. The class will provide training tips and the opportunity for older adults to volunteer their new skills in a community setting.

HUM 767  Film Classics
This class is designed to study the facts, fantasy, history and trivia of classic and modern films. The background and history of each film and its performance will be compared and contrasted.

LIB 730  Internet Literacy for Older Adults
A class for older adults to learn email techniques, how to find information on their interests, news sources, and the skill of browsing online, as well as how best to use the local public library online services, online shopping, search strategies, and interactive games.

LIB 731  Finding Book Treasures in Literature for Older Adults
Older adults are guided in the reading of selected quality fiction and nonfiction to promote discussions of theme development, narrative techniques, social context and what makes good writing. Content varies from semester to semester and may include fiction, drama, poetry, essay, and biography. Readings selected may have particular relevance to older adults.

LIB 733  Exploring the Web for Older Adults
Advisory: LIB 730, Internet Literacy for Older Adults.
Designed to address the interests of older adults, students will learn about the web’s rich offering in graphics, sharing digital pictures, and downloading audio files and audiobooks after paying your bills online. Students will learn online techniques to take advantage of all the latest tools, such as wikis, blogs, search techniques and great travel destinations.

LIB 734  Legal Resources for Older Adults
Advisory: LIB 730, Internet Literacy for Older Adults.
Older Americans face a gamut of legal issues in planning their future and must be aware of their rights in order to stay in charge of their lives. Finding the way through the maze of legal resources is a learned process. This course touches on basic legal issues including elder law, consumer and small claims, wills and estate planning, power of attorney and health care directives.

MUS 762  Joy of Listening to Music
This class is designed to give older adults the opportunity to study eras, styles, composers and components of music. Listening to music with group discussion is an integral part of the class.

MUS 763  Music Encounters
A class for older adults that provides musical activities to stimulate and sustain their auditory function, discernment of sounds and manual dexterity. Students will enjoy music, new and old, by listening, singing, playing and creating music in a group setting.

PE 716  Music/Movement and Health
This course is designed to assist older adults in improving overall health through movement, music and relaxation techniques. Rhythmical movement will be adjusted to suit individual students mobility needs.

THEA 764  The Theatre Experience
This class is designed for older adults to compare, contrast and examine the aspects of live theatre including dramatic structure, theatre production, history and performance. Students will also attend and critique Gavilan theatre performances.

Future Older Adults Offerings
CSIS 729  Microsoft Word for Older Adults
CSIS 728  Microsoft Windows for Older Adults

Parenting Courses
Parenting courses include parent cooperative preschools, courses in child growth and development and parent-child relationships. Education in parenting and child rearing skills can have a significant positive effect on family life and can contribute to the development of healthy families and children.

GUID 710  Parent Advocacy
This course is designed to help parents understand the transition from high school to college. Parents will develop techniques on how to better support their college student at home by creating a college going environment and increase potential involvement to enhance academic achievement. Parents will also develop a general understanding of the challenges and obstacles students face on a daily basis.

Short-Term Vocational Programs
Noncredit and adult education programs in vocational education consist of organized educational programs directly related to the preparation of individuals for paid or unpaid employment, additional preparation for a career, upgrading needed skills and retraining for new jobs and careers.
Regional Occupational Programs (ROP)

Mission Statement - ROP training is offered to residents of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Some classes are offered at Gavilan College. In some of the classes, students may earn high school or college credit*, and upon completion they may be eligible for advanced placement at Gavilan College. ROP provides students with training to secure jobs, upgrade skills, or prepare for advanced career education. Students must be 16 years of age or older to participate. Classes are free for both high school students and adults.

Gavilan College Regional Occupational Program (ROP) provides career development and workforce preparation opportunities. ROP offers classes in diverse areas such as: accounting, business, CISCO Networking Academy, computer science, health careers, public safety, and public and human services. ROP courses focus on the training that students need to compete in today’s technical job market. The skills acquired help students attain employment, upgrade their skills, and/or pursue higher levels of education in their chosen occupation. Following completion of classes, students receive an ROP Certificate of Completion. ROP classes may have additional fees for textbooks and supplies.

*Gavilan College fees are charged for Gavilan College credit. For most current course listings, contact the ROP Specialist.

ROP CLASSES

Accounting

General Office Accounting
This course is designed to prepare students for entry-level office accounting positions. Emphasis is on practical accounting applications. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s ACCT 103.
Advisory: Eligible for Mathematics 205
Hours: 1.5 Lecture, 1.5 Laboratory

Computerized Accounting - QuickBooks
An introduction to computer-assisted accounting. Hands-on use of a microcomputer menu-driven accounting package to do general ledger, sales journal, cash receipts journal, cash payments journal, purchases journal, payroll, receivables, payables and related financial reports. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s ACCT/CSIS 120.
Advisory: CSIS 1 or CSIS 2 or the equivalent computer experience. ACCT 20 or ACCT 101 or ACCT 103 or ACCT 105 or the equivalent accounting experience.
Hours: 1 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

Payroll Accounting
An introduction to the calculating, journalizing, paying and reporting of employee earnings, employee withholding and employer payroll tax expenses. The course emphasizes procedures which conform to federal and state legal requirements. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s ACCT 105.
Advisory: Eligible for Mathematics 205, completion of Accounting 101.
Hours: 2 Lecture

ROP Cisco Networking Academy

Networking Essentials
This course introduces network standards, concepts, topology and terminology including LANs, WANs, the OSI model, cabling, IP addressing, network hardware and various protocols. The content of this course aligns itself with the first course in the Cisco Systems Networking Academy (CCNA 1) and the Microsoft MCSE series. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 175A. Previously CSIS 91A.
Advisory: Mathematics 205, CSIS 1 or CSIS 2 and CSIS 181.
Hours: 4 Lecture

Router Theory and Router Technologies
This course is the second of four courses in the Cisco Networking Academy curriculum. This course is an introduction to router concepts and terminology including Ethernet and Token Ring frames, RIP and IGRP routing protocols, distance vector and link state routing, routing loop issues, TCP/IP basics, IP addressing, and IP access lists. Students will get hands-on experience configuring Cisco routers. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 175B.
Prerequisite: CSIS 175A
Advisory: CSIS 48
Hours: 4 Lecture

Advanced Routing/Switching/WAN
This course is the third/final course in the Cisco Networking Academy curriculum. This course covers the advanced features of router and routing concepts including IPX access lists, LAN segmentation, network congestion issues, cut-through and store and forward switches, and the operation of the Spanning Tree protocol. Other topics include: Wide Area Network services including LAPB, Frame Relay, ISDN, HDLC, PPP, DDR, LMI’s and maps and subinterfaces on the Cisco router. This class includes practice using the Cisco routers. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 175C.
Prerequisite: CSIS 175B
Hours: 4 Lecture
ROP Computer Classes

Computer Office Applications
This course offers practical business skills and concepts with hands-on experience in computer operations using Microsoft Office. Software includes: MS Word, MS Excel and PowerPoint. Afternoon class may include Introduction to the Internet and Network Communications.
Prerequisites: None for day class. Evening class: keyboarding skills
Hours:
  Day - 6 hours per week for one semester
  Evening - 4 hours per week for one semester

ROP Computer Repair Technician

Operating Systems
This course will survey current computer operating systems such as Microsoft Windows 98, NT, 2000 and XP. Linux will also be covered. Topics include file system management, system requirements, network systems integration, security, and regular maintenance procedures. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 182.
Advisory: CSIS 1 or CSIS 2 or equivalent computer experience
Hours: 3 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

PC Hardware
This course examines computing hardware, operating systems, and software applications from a technical side to enable students to select, install, maintain and optimize a computer system. This course will help prepare students to pursue the A+ Hardware Certification. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 181.
Advisory: CSIS 124, CSIS 1 OR CSIS 2, or equivalent computer experience.
Hours: 3 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

ROP Computer Science

C++ Programming!
An introduction to the concepts and methods of computer programming using C++. Students will be introduced to procedural and object-oriented programming design methodology. Topics covered include variable and constant declarations, selection statements, repetition, functions and recursion, arrays, strings, pointers, and an introduction to classes and objects. This course will prepare students for the Programming II class. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 45.
Advisories: CSIS 10 or equivalent, Math 205 (Elementary Algebra)
Hours: 3 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

ROP Clinical Medical Assisting

Basic Clinical Medical Assisting
Course provides a basic introduction to clinical medical assisting. Emphasizes principles, understanding of skills necessary to perform basic clinical medical assisting procedures safely and effectively. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s AH 170.
Prerequisites: Eligible for English 250, English 260 and Math 205
Hours: 4 Lecture, 6 Laboratory

Advanced Clinical Medical Assisting
Course provides instruction and clinical experience in advanced concepts of clinical medical assisting including specialty procedures and treatments. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s AH 171.
Prerequisites: AH 170 with a grade of C or better or equivalent. Equivalency determined by written and performance exams.
Hours: 4 Lecture, 6 Laboratory

ROP Home Health Aide

Home Health Care
Course is designed to prepare students to provide basic health care in the home. Includes interpretation of medical/social needs, personal care services, cleaning tasks, nutrition, and the scope of limitations of a home health aide. All students who achieve a grade of “C” or better will be eligible for a Home Health Aide certificate from the State of California. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s AH 182.
Prerequisite: California CNA certification or concurrent enrollment in AH 180 or equivalent. Equivalency determined by written and performance exams. Also, eligible for English 250 and English 260. Clearance from the Department of Health Services (Form HS283), fingerprint card, and health clearance required prior to clinical placement.
Hours: 1.5 Lecture, 1.5 Laboratory
ROP Medical Office Procedures

Medical Billing - MediSoft
This course in computerized billing procedures for a medical office uses MediSoft software. Students will learn the patient billing features of this software and complete a capstone simulation giving them hands-on realistic medical front office practice. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s BOT 181.
Advisory: Eligible for English 250. Some computer experience.
Hours: 1 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

Medical Coding
This course will introduce the student to the theory and procedure of coding for medical diagnoses, an increasingly essential and specialized healthcare communication system. The course is not a certification course. CPT coding is covered, with an overview of ICD-9 coding. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s BOT 183.
Advisory: BOT 180
Hours: 3 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

Medical Office Procedures
This specialized course includes medical office procedures, patient record management, coding/billing for private/government health insurance programs, and professional ethics. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s BOT 182.
Prerequisites: BOT 180 and CSIS 126 with credit or a grade of C or better or experience using Microsoft Word.
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and Mathematics 402.
Hours: 2 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

Medical Terminology for the Office
This course introduces fundamentals of medical word building used in the health profession (prefixes, word roots, suffixes and abbreviations) as well as review of body systems, with emphasis on analysis, definition, spelling and pronunciation. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s BOT 180.
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Hours: 3 Lecture

Records Management
Principles covering records management in business including alphabetic, numeric, geographic, and subject systems; an understanding of how records are created, classified, stored, retrieved, transferred, and disposed of; organizing and managing both manual and automated records systems are explained. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s BOT 160.
Advisory: Eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Hours: 3 Lecture

ROP Networking

Applied Networking
This course covers fundamental networking concepts and develops the skills and knowledge to set up and maintain small business/home networks. The course is not hardware or vendor specific. It helps students prepare for the “Network +” certification exam, an industry-wide, vendor-neutral certification program developed and sponsored by the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA). For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s CSIS 178.
Advisory: CSIS 124
Hours: 3 Lecture, 3 Laboratory

ROP Nursing Assistant

Fundamentals of Nursing - Convalescent
A course to provide a basic introduction to patient care in the convalescent setting. Emphasizes principles, understanding and skills necessary to perform basic nursing procedures safely and effectively. Includes introduction to health care, planning, safety, infection control, personal care, basic procedures, rehabilitation, nutrition and clients’ rights and needs. At the completion of this course students will qualify for state certification as a nursing assistant. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s AH 180.
Prerequisites: Eligible for English 250 and English 260. Clearance from the Department of Health Services (Form HS283), fingerprint card, and health clearance required prior to clinical placement.
Hours: 6 Lecture, 7 Laboratory

Fundamentals of Nursing - Acute
A course to provide a basic introduction to patient care in the acute care setting. Emphasizes principles, understanding and skills necessary to perform basic nursing procedures safely and effectively. Includes care of the uncomplicated medical-surgical patient, first aid and CPR. At the completion of this course students will qualify for CPR certification. For college credit, enroll in Gavilan’s AH 181.
Prerequisites: Allied Health 180 with a grade of C or better or equivalent. Equivalency determined by written and performance exams. Also eligible for English 250 and English 260.
Hours: 5 lecture, 9 lab for one semester

* Not all courses required for this certificate may be offered during this catalog cycle. Please contact a counselor for current information - (408) 848-4723.