

# OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## Advanced Degree Opportunities

### Bellevue University Programs

Bellevue University provides quality liberal arts and business undergraduate and graduate programs throughout Nebraska. Mid-Plains Community College graduates can apply their associate's degree or previous college credit toward completion of a bachelor's degree in as little as 18 months, online connected learning (similar to distant learning at MPCC) or in class, right here in North Platte and McCook. Also, we have many ways to help you earn the credit you need to start your accelerated degree completion program as quickly as possible. If you have a bachelor's degree, you can complete a master's degree in 16 to 18 months.

We understand the needs of adults seeking to complete their degrees while balancing work, family and civic responsibilities. Our accelerated degree completion programs help you earn your bachelor's degree at a faster pace, while keeping pace with the realities of your life. And, our programs are focused on you...what you learn here, how you learn it, and how applying what you learn will help you meet your life goals.

When you enroll in your accelerated bachelor's degree completion program, you will move through your courses with a group of adults like you...who are intent on completing their degrees and who bring real experience to the classroom.

Select from one of 26 accelerated degree completion programs or 14 graduate programs. Contact your local Bellevue University Enrollment Counselor - Katy Denny in North Platte at 308-535-3730 or McCook at 308-345-8118 or by call or text at 308-530-7359.

### Chadron State College Programs

As the only four-year institution of higher education in western Nebraska, Chadron State College has cultivated a strong partnership with Mid-Plains Community College. Over the years, many MPCC graduates have chosen to pursue their bachelor's and master's degree at CSC.

In addition to a strong commitment to its residential programs, CSC provides numerous bachelor degree completion programs through distance learning. Undergraduate degree completion programs available via online learning include Accounting, Business, Elementary Education, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing/Entrepreneurship, Mathematics and Psychology. Master's degree programs are available in business and organizational management. All courses are available online with the Elementary Education program available through online delivery.

In addition to the seamless transfer of most MPCC courses into a bachelor's degree program, CSC also accepts the Associate of Arts and Associate of Sciences degree from Mid-Plains Community College as completion of all CSC general studies requirements.

If you are interested in learning more about our programs and how your MPCC credits or degree will transfer to CSC, contact our CSC Facilitator, Bobi Johnson, located on the MPCC South Campus in North Platte (308-535-3704).

Chadron State College was founded in 1911 as a publicly supported college. From its early years as a teacher's college, CSC has evolved into a dynamic comprehensive undergraduate and graduate degree-granting college with nearly 100 programs of study and numerous pre-professional programs. Approximately 2,900 students are enrolled at the college. CSC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

### Fort Hays State University Programs

Fort Hays State University and Mid-Plains Community College's partnership works because of you, the student, who is ready to work hard to be the best.

Fort Hays State University (FHSU) will accept every credit from your Mid-Plains Community College Associates Degree. You will have the opportunity to pursue a degree on the Hays, KS campus or through one of the 40 degree programs offered online through FHSU's Virtual College. FHSU also participates in a contiguous state program which grants students from surrounding states a reduced tuition rate. The best part for you is that FHSU's tuition, whether online or through the Contiguous State Programs, is one of the most affordable options you can find.

Fort Hays State University is a liberal arts, state-assisted institution in western Kansas (a little over two hours from McCook) with an enrollment of approximately 13,000 students. FHSU has four colleges — Arts and Sciences; Education and Technology; Business and Leadership; and Health and Life Sciences — plus a Graduate School. It also offers a Virtual College, which delivers courses electronically throughout Kansas and beyond. Students at FHSU have the opportunity to select a major field of study from 30 departments and study in an electronic environment throughout the campus. To find out more about the Fort Hays State University and Mid-Plains Community College partnership contact Lorrie Mowry on the McCook campus at 308-345-8172 or [mowryl@mpcc.edu](mailto:mowryl@mpcc.edu).

## Outreach Business and Community Education Department

Mid-Plains Community College's Business and Community Education department has staffed offices at the North Platte North Campus at 1101 Halligan Drive and at the McCook Campus, Hormel Center at 1205 East Third Street. The Business and Community Education Coordinators are committed to our 18 county region to grow the economy, assist businesses and provide life-long learning opportunities for youth and adults.

- Contract and Customized Business Trainings
- Certifications and CEU Opportunities
- Economic Development
- Local, State and National Speakers
- Summer Youth Programs
- Adult Short Courses

The Business and Community Education department is committed to serving business and industry in a professional, productive and personal way. Building mutual long-term partnerships is the goal. In addition, community education courses are offered year round to meet the needs of our non-degree seeking constituents.

MPCC has campus's in Broken Bow, Valentine, Ogallala and Imperial. Each campus is staffed by a Campus Coordinator who works in tandem with Business and Community Education Coordinators to meet area

business objectives, these campus locations can be utilized for on-site training, regional meetings and testing.

### **Adult Education (AE)**

MPCC has been designated by the Nebraska Department of Education as a coordinating center for Adult Education. AE's focus is tutoring for adults in basic literacy skills: reading, writing, math, listening, speaking; ELP (English Literacy Program); and GED (General Educational Development). AE is offered on a non-credit basis at no charge. AE programs are organized in many of the communities in the Mid-Plains Community College service area. For additional information, contact the Director of Adult Education at 308-535-3637 or 800-658-4308, Ext. 3637.

### **Early Entry/Dual Credit**

Early Entry and Dual Credit courses are courses that provide opportunities for high school students to take college-level courses and earn credits toward possibly both a high school diploma and a college degree. High School students can take advantage of MPCC's offerings to advance in their academic and career goals while saving money on college courses. Check with your advisor and/or guidance counselor to get registered for classes. For more information please contact the Early Entry office at 800-658-4308, Ext. 3607.

### **Career Academies**

MPCC provides opportunities for area high school students to plan a program of study designed to prepare students for the transition from secondary to postsecondary education and training programs. Career academies contain a blend of high school and college credit classes. If you are interested in discussing a Career Academy please contact the Early Entry office at 800-658-4308, Ext. 3639 or Ext. 3607.

### **General Educational Development (GED®)**

Specific age, identification and application requirements must be met in order to begin GED testing in Nebraska. The computer-based testing (CBT) is administered at GED Testing Service approved Pearson VUE Testing Centers. Successful completion of the GED test battery at an approved test center is required to receive the State of Nebraska Department of Education High School Diploma. The test battery consists of the following timed tests: Reasoning Through Language Arts, Science, Social Studies and Mathematical Reasoning. Testing centers are located at McCook Community College and North Platte Community College-North Campus. Call the GED test center in McCook at 308-345-8105 or North Platte at 308-535-3621 for more information regarding the GED program. An individual can study for the GED tests by enrolling in the free Adult Education program.

For a more information concerning our educational opportunities, visit our site: <http://www.mpcc.edu/community-and-business/ged-esl.php>