

Merced College Community Education

The Catalyst

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About Us

Merced College's Community Education department provides professional and personal development classes as well as career training programs.

College credit is not given for classes conducted by the Community Education department. There are no transcripts or grades.

Community Education is a self-supporting entity of the college and is a self-funding program. If you have a special interest or particular need for a class, please send us your suggestion.

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3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER!

Online: go to <https://merced.augusoft.net/>
Easy and secure (Visa/Mastercard only)*

CALL: (209) 384-6224 using Debit/Credit
(Visa/Mastercard only)

* Monday thru Friday, 8am – 5pm

VISIT: the Business Resource Center at
630 W. 19th Street in Merced (M St./19th St.)
Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to
register using Debit/Credit (Visa/Mastercard
only) or exact cash*

**We no longer accept personal checks*

**We are happy to invoice firms and agencies for
your class fee if being sponsored by such an
agency.**

CLASS REFUND POLICY

Community Education realizes that extenuating circumstances do arise. If you need to cancel an enrollment, please contact our office at least 7 days prior to the start date. Once an offering begins, fees become nonrefundable. Cash payments will be refunded by check and will arrive via mail. Credit card payments will be refunded as a credit back to the same card that was used. Refunds take approximately 4-6 weeks to process.

SCHOOL INITIATED CANCELLATION

Community Education reserves the right to cancel any class. Full refunds are automatically granted if a class is cancelled by our office. Occasionally there may be adjustments to the schedule for a class due to college facilities usage. We will notify participants of any of these changes as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

If you have a disability and require special accommodations, please notify our office at least two weeks in advance of the class/trip start date so that we can make the appropriate arrangements to accommodate your request.



Merced College Fall 2023 Holidays

Offices are closed on the following dates.

Monday, September 4, 2023 - Labor Day

Friday, November 10, 2023 - Veteran's Day Observed

Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24, 2023 - Thanksgiving Friday

Monday, December 25, 2023 - January 1, 2023 - Winter Break

A message from Dr. Caroline Dawson

Dean of Business, Economic/Workforce Development,
& Adult Education

Merced College Community Education is excited to present a variety of educational opportunities for Fall 2023! Responding to community requests, we have increased the number of offerings in our personal interest classes - Vegetarian Cooking Made Easy, Holiday Chocolate Fun, and Watercolor for Beginners.

If personal wellness is what you are seeking, our Lap Swim and Yoga classes may be just what the doctor ordered. For those who love to travel, we are offering a number of upcoming trips through Collette Vacations & Tours.

Seeking out a professional certificate? We offer Notary Public and Loan Signing Agent.

Because it is our goal to provide relevant educational opportunities and experiences to the Merced County community, we invite you to share suggestions for future offerings.



Caroline L. Dawson

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HEALTH, FITNESS, & RECREATION

YOGA

Are you looking for a workout program that's easy to learn, requires little or no equipment, and soothes your soul while toning your body? If strengthening your cardiovascular system, toning and stretching your muscles, and improving your mental fitness are on your to-do list, this is the class for you.

DATES: *Tuesdays & Thursdays*

Session 1: August 15 - October 12, 2023

Session 2: October 17 - December 14, 2023 (No class 11/23)

TIME: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

INSTRUCTOR: Tracy Decker

LOCATION: Merced College, Field House Rm A

COST: \$65 per session (\$10 discount for past participants or if you register for both sessions)



LAP SWIM



Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise. Enjoy open lap swim at the Merced College Pool at any of the three time slots.

***DATES:** *Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays*

August 14 - 30, 2023

September 1 - 29, 2023 (No class 09/04)

October 2 - 30, 2023

November 1 - 29, 2023 (No class 11/10 & 11/24)

December 1 - 15, 2023

TIME: 5:30 a.m. - 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.,
or 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

INSTRUCTORS: Multiple

LOCATION: Merced College, Pool

COST: \$20 August & December
\$25 September - November

* Subject to occasional cancellations based on Merced College aquatics schedules, tournaments, or weather conditions. In such events, Community Education will provide notice to all participants via email and signage at the Pool in order for participants to make arrangements to swim during other open time slots throughout the week.

PERSONAL INTEREST

INTRODUCTION TO MEDITERRANEAN/ LEBANESE CUISINE

This class will cover the basics of Mediterranean/Lebanese cuisine through authentic dishes and desserts made from scratch such as baba ghanouj, shawarma, hummus, baklava, and much more! We invite you to join this class and explore your taste buds while learning how to make savory dishes.

DATES: *Saturdays*

October 14, 2023

October 28, 2023

October 21, 2023

November 4, 2023

TIME: 2pm - 4pm

INSTRUCTOR: Amal Rida

LOCATION: Merced College

COST: \$125 registration fee + \$25 material fee



VEGETERIAN COOKING MADE EASY



Unleash your inner kitchen artist in our Vegetarian cooking class, where meatless meals take center stage and your taste buds become the audience! Vegetarian food is far from boring. You will learn to make simple, healthy, delicious vegetarian meals that both you and your friends/family will enjoy!

DATES: *Mondays*

September 18, 2023

October 2, 2023

September 25, 2023

October 9, 2023

TIME: 6pm - 7:30pm

INSTRUCTOR: Dyimah Ansah

LOCATION: Merced College

COST: \$125 registration fee + \$25 material fee

PERSONAL INTEREST

HOLIDAY CHOCOLATE FUN

Come learn the art of crafting exquisite treats this holiday season! We'll guide you through the process of creating captivating cocoa bombs, charming chocolate covered pretzels, irresistible cake pops and much more! You'll also discover the art of decorating and packaging your creations, turning them into impressive gifts and party favors that capture the essence of each holiday theme. Fun for the whole family!

DATES: *Fridays*

October 27, 2023, November 17, 2023, December 15, 2023

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

INSTRUCTOR: Donna Ponce

LOCATION: Merced College

COST: \$40 + 10 material fee (per session)



WATERCOLOR FOR BEGINNERS



Join us and learn the basics of watercolor! We will paint, discuss, and create small projects together every week. Special emphasis will be placed on mixing colors. Also learn how to easily draw and transfer your images to paper. Come and enjoy learning the techniques of watercolor step-by-step! The material fee will cover your very own starter kit!

DATES: *Saturdays*

September 23rd, 2023

September 30th, 2023

October 7th, 2023

TIME: 9am - 12pm

INSTRUCTOR: Susan Savage

LOCATION: ART Room 4

COST: \$120 + \$30 material fee

October 14th, 2023

October 21st, 2023

October 28th, 2023

COLLETTE VACATIONS & TOURS



UPCOMING TRIPS

Spotlight on New Your City

April 25, 2024 - April 29, 2024

Highlights: Greenwich Village, Wall Street, Broadway Show, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, 9/11 Memorial, 9/11 Museum.



Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice

July 21, 2024 - July 30, 2024

Highlights: Reykjavík, Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss, Geysir, Akranes, Breidafjörður Bay Cruise, Lava Exhibition Center, Vík, Skógar Museum, Skógafoss, Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, Vatnajökull National Park, Seljalandsfoss.



Tropical Costa Rica

January 19, 2025 - January 27, 2025

Highlights: San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Arenal Volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Lake Arenal Cruise, Farm Tour and Lunch, Monteverde Cloud Forest.



***For pricing and additional details, click on the link of the trip in which you are interested.**

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

BE A NOTARY PUBLIC

Making more money is never a bad idea, and it shows your amazing initiative. Sign up and learn how to perform valuable services by certifying or witnessing signatures on official documents, \$15 per signature in 2021. Notary skills are valuable in almost any industry: real estate, legal, medical, and banking to name just a few. This six-hour state-approved seminar gives you the knowledge to pass the exam and practice as an effective Notary. Participants receive 2 practice tests and take the official Notary exam directly following the seminar. You must be present for the entire course of instruction and be at least 18 years of age.

Bring to class: 1) A \$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"; 2) Proper identification - current driver's license or state issued ID card; 3) Two #2 pencils; 4) 2"x2" passport size color photo. Live Scan fingerprints will be required after you pass the exam. Serious Convictions may disqualify applicants.

***DATES:** Saturday, December 2nd

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Business Resource Center,
630 W 19th Street, Room 121

COST: \$99, plus \$55 material fee and
\$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"



RENEW YOUR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

You'll review new laws and safe practices to ensure you haven't fallen into any bad habits. Renewing Notaries must have a current commission to be eligible for the three-hour Notary Seminar. Please arrive at 11:45am for check-in. The class will begin at 12pm.

Bring to class: 1) A \$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"; 2) Proper identification - current driver's license or state issued ID card; 3) Two #2 pencils; 4) 2"x2" passport size color photo. Live Scan fingerprints will be required after you pass the exam. Serious Convictions may disqualify applicants.

DATES: Saturday, December 2nd

TIME: 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Business Resource Center, 630 W 19th Street, Room 121

COST: \$50, plus \$55 material fee and \$40 check made payable to "Secretary of State"

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

BECOME A LOAN SIGNING AGENT

Make the most out of your notary commission by becoming a certified Loan Signing Agent. Our livestream seminar will teach you how to notarize loan documents and give you a simple strategy to launch your new business. Students are eligible to access our private Facebook page to ask questions, watch webinars, and receive updates. All you need is your smartphone to join. A certificate is awarded upon completion of the course.

Prerequisite: *You must be a Notary or have completed the "Become a Notary Public" seminar.*

Topics include:

- Notarize a loan package from any bank successfully every time
- The dos and don'ts of the profession
- What to discuss with your clients
- How to develop your own business
- Getting signed up with busy signing agencies

***DATES:** January 23, 24, 25

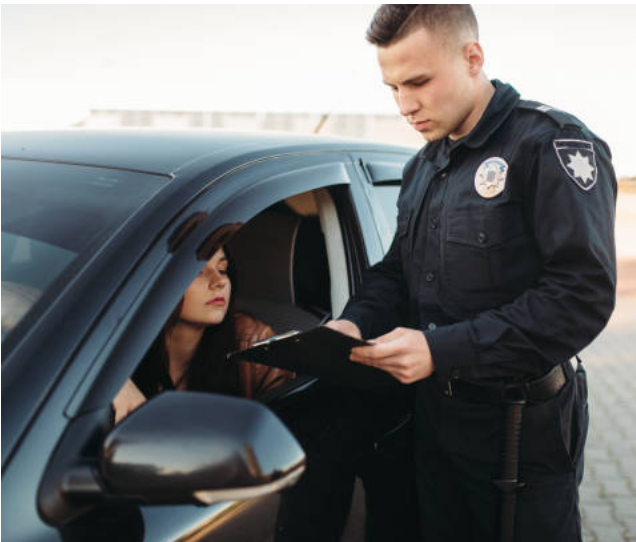
TIME: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

LOCATION: Livestream

COST: \$99, plus \$35 digital materials



SAFETY & TRAINING TRAFFIC SCHOOL



This DMV approved course meets the requirements for those allowed by the court to attend traffic school. Successful completion of this class could void the citation from your record and protect your insurance.

DATES: Saturdays

August 19, 2023

September 16, 2023

October 21, 2023

November 18, 2023

December 9, 2023

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Business Resource Center,
630 W 19th Street, Room 121

COST: \$45 Call (209) 384-6224 to register.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The Merced College Business Resource Center provides local employers, community organizations, and residents with customized training to enhance their skills in the workplace. Join us for the nationally recognized Customer Service Academy, develop your leaders with our Emerging Leaders Institute, and equip your staff with greater resilience through our new program, the Well-Being Institute.



CUSTOMER SERVICE ACADEMY

- Communication in the Workplace
- Customer Service
- Team Building
- Foundations of Well-Being in the Workplace
- Values and Ethics
- Stress Management
- Time Management
- Conflict Resolution
- Unconscious Bias Reduction in the Workplace & Community
- Attitude in the Workplace



EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE

- Employee Engagement
- Leadership Essentials
- Leading with Strengths
- Values & Ethics
- Generational Diversity
- The Challenges of Leadership
- Emotional Intelligence
- Authentic Leadership



THE WELL-BEING INSTITUTE

- Fuel Your Body for Success
- Building Resilience
- Foundations of Well-Being in the Workplace
- The Science of Happiness
- Finding Your Purpose - Leading with Strengths

Click on each program title to learn more.

Select the individual courses that best meet your needs and earn a Certificate of Recognition! Each course is only \$23 and earns a 1/2 unit of college credit!

For more information or for customized training contact: Dorota Mimms at dorota.mimmse@mccl.edu or registerbrcmccd.edu

ONLINE LEARNING

Merced College Community Education has partnered with instructors from Ed2Go to help students like you train for a rewarding new career.

These career training programs are not-for-credit and are not part of Merced College's accredited courses and programs. Most of the programs prepare you to take nationally accredited exams.

Programs available through this partnership include everything from Computer Science to Construction and trades. Whether you are looking to enhance your current skills or learn something new, chances are we have a program for you!



Fundamentals

Find additional information on fundamentals at

<https://www.ed2go.com/mccs/>

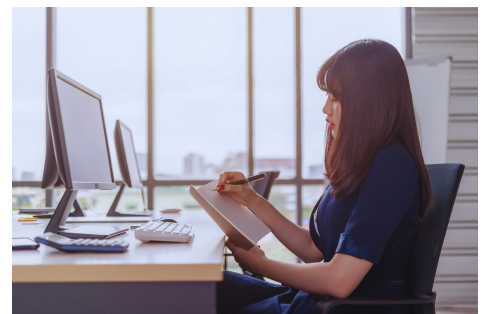
- Speed Spanish
- TEAS Prep 1
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2019/Office 365
- A to Z Grant Writing
- Graphic arts
- AND MORE!

Career Training

Find additional information on career training at

<http://careertraining.ed2go.com/mccs>

- Medical Billing and Coding
- Pharmacy Technician
- Certified Administrative Professional
- Digital Marketing Strategist
- Certified Residential Interior Designer
- AND MORE!



COMING SOON

COLLEGE FOR KIDS

Coming Summer 2024!

The College for Kids program provides a wonderful opportunity for students to expand, enhance, or review areas of interest and study.

Students will learn, grow, and (most importantly) have fun!

**Scholarship applications will be available starting March 2024.
Registrations begin in April 2024.**

Session 1: June 3 - 13, 2024

Session 2: June 17 - 27, 2024

NO COLLEGE FOR KIDS: July 1 - 4, 2024

Session 3: July 8 - 18, 2024

Session 4: July 22 - August 1, 2024



***Click on the CFK logo to get
up to date information.***

KALEIDOSCOPE & FESTIVAL OF DANCE

Join us for performances by Denisa's School of Dance, Merced Academy of Dance, South Pacific Dance Company, STEPS Dance Studio, and the Mariposa Academy of Dance.

Proceeds help to provide scholarships for dance students entering Merced College or 4-year colleges and universities as well as providing theater-related improvements or equipment purchases for the Merced College Theater.



Kaleidoscope - February 2024

Festival of Dance - June 2024

PARKING ON MERCED COLLEGE CAMPUS

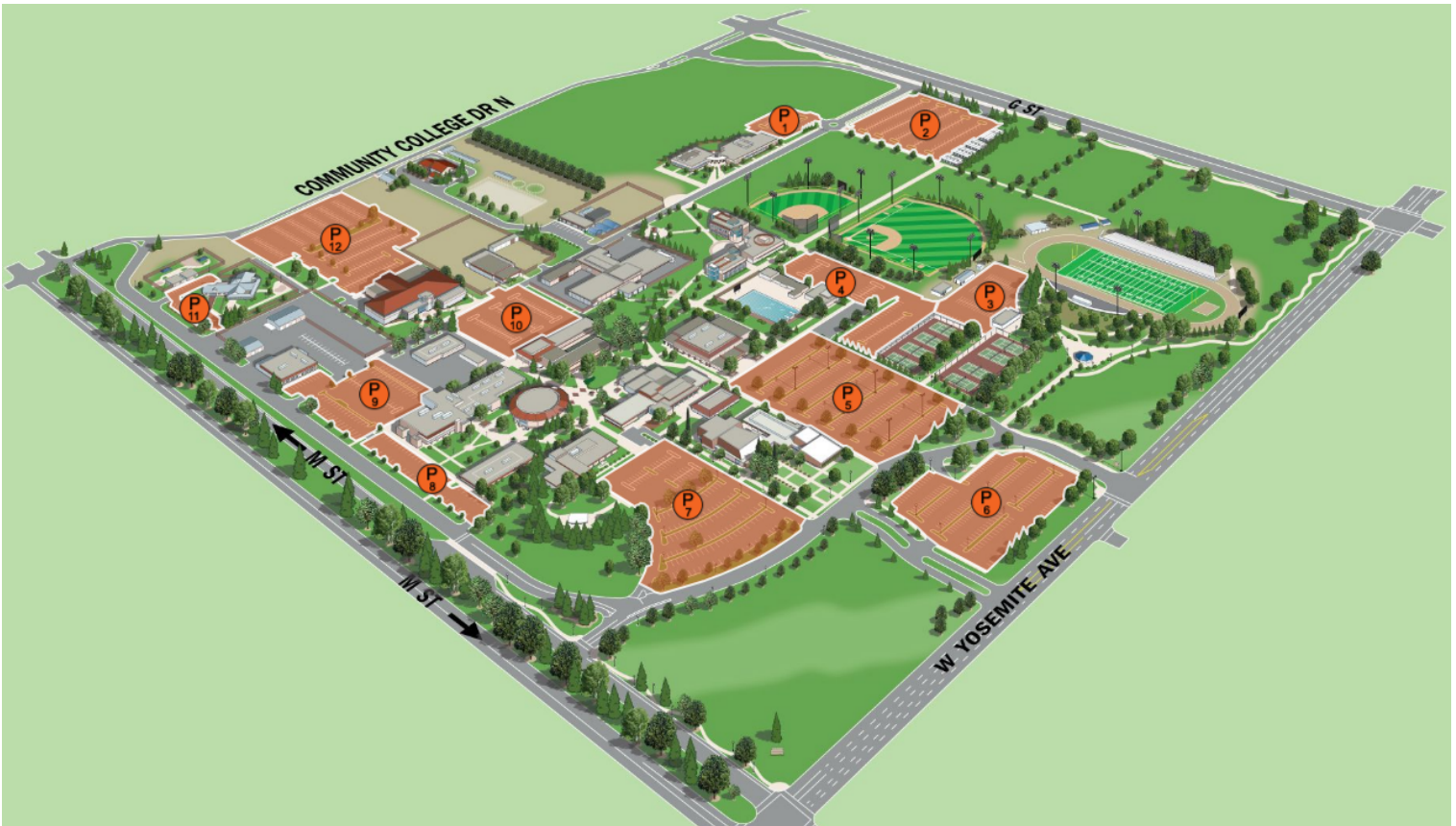
Parking on our Merced College campus is by permit only; valid in general parking areas.

[Click here for map of parking lot locations](#)

Day passes may be purchased from Ticket Dispensers for \$2.00 a day.
Semester Passes can be purchased online.

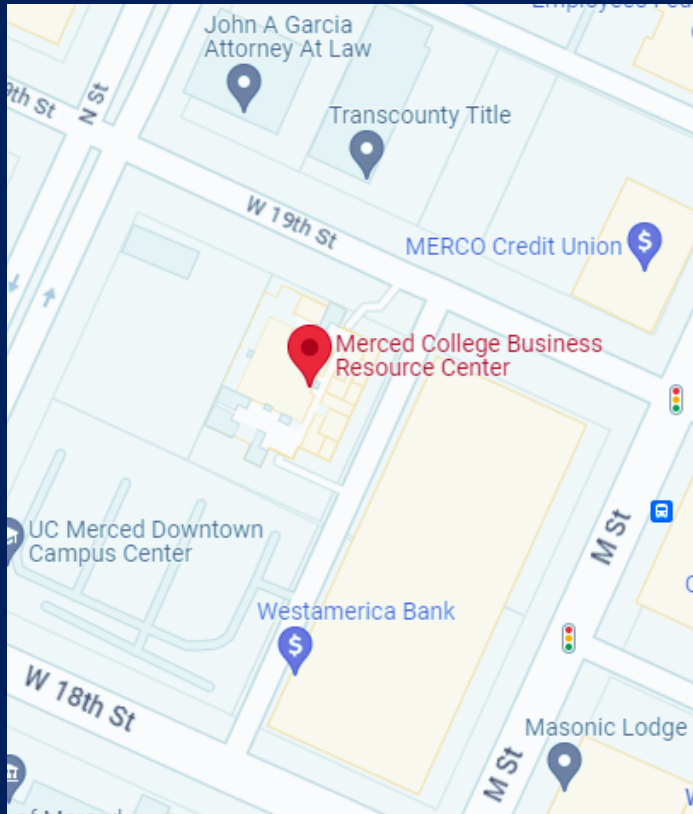
[Click here to buy a Semester Parking Permit.](#)

[Click here for the Campus Police Parking Information page for details about parking permits, restrictions and citations.](#)



FOR CLASSES HELD AT THE MERCED COLLEGE BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER, PARKING PERMITS ARE NOT REQUIRED AS LONG AS YOU ADHERE TO LOCAL PARKING SIGNS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA AND PERMIT DESIGNATED PARKING IN THE M STREET PARKING GARAGE.

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