Continuing Studies Programs

Alvernia University

An Education in the Franciscan Tradition
Maybe you always wanted to attend college but needed to earn a living instead, or you had family obligations that prevented you from studying full time, or perhaps you’ve taken some college classes but haven’t finished your degree. Our Continuing Studies programs are designed with the FLEXIBILITY and CONVENIENCE necessary for focused adult learners like you who have family and work responsibilities. Our evening and weekend classes fit your schedule, and we have three locations so you can choose the program and place that best meets your needs. Our EXCELLENT FACULTY AND STAFF are dedicated to teaching, guiding, and supporting our students in all aspects of their experience at Alvernia University. Whatever your personal or professional reasons are for completing a bachelor’s degree, at Alvernia, we’re committed to your success.

“Alvernia professors always challenge us in class, pushing us to do our best. I feel confident that what I am learning will help me after graduation, in both my career path and life.”

Justine Fronheiser  ■  Student, McGowan Scholarship Award Winner

We’re Committed to Your Success

INSIDE ALVERNIA

While our core institutional values—service, humility, collegiality, contemplation, and peacemaking—extend from the faith of our Franciscan founders, they have a universal ethical appeal.
“Our Behavioral Health degree is one of the most versatile programs to be found at the college or university level. The different tracks of study provide a broad base of expertise for those who seek administrative, counseling, and casework positions in areas such as chemical dependency, mental illness, and child welfare.”

George Vogel
Behavioral Health Program Director

THE VALUE OF EARNING YOUR DEGREE AT ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY

Alvernia University provides you with more than theories and tools for a successful career. It provides you opportunities to discuss and apply what you have learned. If you join any one of the Continuing Studies programs, you will find:

- **Incomparable personal attention** from your advisor and your professors.
- **Small classes** that promote interactive learning.
- **An admission policy** that lets you enter any time of the year.
- **Tuition Deferment** until you are reimbursed by your employer.
- **Opportunity to network** with other adult students like yourself.
- **Accelerated sessions and multiple start dates.**
In general, students with five years of full-time work experience who are at least 24 years of age are considered non-traditional. Such students who bring significant work and life experience to the campus will be evaluated using criteria more appropriate to this background. A maximum of 75 transfer credits will be accepted in transfer from a community college or a four-year college or university. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Some majors may require a higher grade point average. Matriculating students must complete the required curriculum and meet the 123 credit hours requirement, including a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at Alvernia University, to be eligible to earn a degree. Students may enroll in Continuing Studies programs on a full- or part-time basis.

**FLEXIBLE COURSE OFFERINGS**

Our classes are offered evenings and weekends to help you balance your busy schedule and work and family obligations. Our three locations allow you to choose the best place to attend class close to home or work.

**ACCREDITATION**

Alvernia University holds accreditations from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

**PAYING FOR AN ALVERNIA EDUCATION**

An Alvernia education remains an excellent value in the higher education marketplace. Financial aid counselors can provide information about a variety of grants and loans to help make your degree affordable. Once you are an Alvernia Continuing Studies student, the Office of Student Financial Planning continues to assist you with financing your education and more.
DEGREES YOU CAN COMPLETE AT OUR MAIN CAMPUS

Bachelor’s Degree Programs:
- Accounting
- Behavioral Health
- Corporate Communication
- Human Resource Management
- Liberal Studies (self-designed major)
- Management
- Marketing
- Psychology and Organizational Behavior
- RN to BSN

Associate of Science Degree Programs:
- Business

Credit Certificate Programs:
- Behavioral Health
- Human Resource Management

DEGREES YOU CAN COMPLETE AT OUR PHILADELPHIA CENTER

Bachelor’s Degree Programs:
- Behavioral Health
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Liberal Studies

DEGREES YOU CAN COMPLETE AT OUR SCHUYLKILL CENTER

Bachelor’s Degree Programs:
- Accounting
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Criminal Justice Administration with Behavioral Health minor
- Early Childhood Education (Grades Pre K-4)
- Liberal Studies
- Management

TRANSFER APPLICATIONS ARE WELCOME

Alvernia is a transfer-friendly school. An application form, fee, and high school transcripts must be submitted, as well as official transcripts for all previous college work. Transfer students who have earned a minimum 2.0 grade point average at a regionally accredited two- or four-year institution are welcome. A maximum of 75 transfer credits will be accepted from two- and four-year colleges. For more detailed information, please go to www.alvernia.edu/admissions/continuing-studies/index.html
Our warm Alvernia attitude extends to the ease of applying for admission, with our supportive Continuing Studies staff available to assist you throughout the process. Application to Alvernia is on a rolling admissions basis. The Application for Admission can be completed online at www.alvernia.edu/admissions/continuing-studies/apply.html, or you may call our Continuing Studies office at 610-796-8228/1-888-ALVERNIA to request that an application be sent to you by mail. Please note that electronic applications are preferred and will expedite the processing of your application file.
To learn more about our programs, request an application, or to make an appointment with an Enrollment Coordinator, please contact:

1-888-AlvernIA (1-888-258-3764)

Main Campus:
1-610-796-8228 or continuingstudies@alvernia.edu

Schuylkill Center:
1-570-385-2382 or schuylkill@alvernia.edu

Philadelphia Center:
1-215-635-4734 or philadelphia@alvernia.edu

For more information

For more information, visit our Web site for details about application requirements, course schedule and descriptions, to apply online, or to learn more about our main and satellite locations, our faculty, and our innovative programs that meet the needs of students like you.

Driving Directions to Alvernia

Please visit our web site at www.alvernia.edu/about/reading/directions.html for clear, specific local and regional driving directions to our campuses.

Our Locations

A
Alvernia University
Main Campus
Reading, Pennsylvania

B
Alvernia University
Schuylkill Center
Pottsville, Pennsylvania

C
Alvernia University
Philadelphia Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

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Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, By Appointment

www.alvernia.edu/academics/continuing-studies/index.html

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