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NURSING TOPICS:

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**Critical Care Nursing
Licensing Exams (NELAX)
Emergency Room Nursing**

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Nurse Practitioners

Critical Care Nursing

Diabetic Education

Endocrine/Thyroid Issues

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Nurse Practitioners

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Leadership and Professionalism in Nursing

Any general nursing topics

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Community Health

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Medical Surgical Nursing

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**Laboratory Equipment
Simulations**

Laboratory Design

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Mental Health

Government Issues

Quality Assurance

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United States Presidents

All Political Topics

Pennsylvania History

Bias in History Books

Orchestra Leader Glenn Miller, and Musical Evolution

The Balkans (region including Bosnia, Serbia, and Kosovo)

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Nationalism in Modern Europe

Industrialized Mass War from 1861 to 1945

Indian Soldiers at war in World War I

Japanese-American Soldiers at war in World War II

Guerrilla/Asymmetrical/Protracted War

Books written:

A War of Empire and Frontier: The Philippine-American War, 1899-1902

The British Working Class and Enthusiasm for Warfare, 1914-1916

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Honors Programs

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International Relations

International Security

International Law

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City Government, Local Politics

Local non-profit organizations

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Recharging emotional and intellectual health through reading and writing poetry

Edgar Allan Poe

Recent Poets Laureate

American and British Literature

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Public Speaking

Interpersonal Communication

Intercultural Communication

Writing for the media or the workplace

Effective Teaching

Event Planning

Publishing Portfolio Design

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The Reel World versus The Real World (mass media shaping culture)

Confessions of a Film Addict – from Snow White to Titanic

Spirituality of Women in the Church

Religion in Film

Alvernia College's History

How to be an Armchair Movie Critic

Feminist Movement through Novels

Vampires to Batman – Gothic Film and Literature

CSI Fact & Fiction (in film and literature)

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Broadcast Journalism
Crisis Communications
Political Communications
Healthcare or Medical Communications
Sensationalism in TV news

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Arab Women's Literature
Composition and Speech
Tutoring for Writing

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Investing

Leadership

Experiential and Transformational Learning

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Sport Management

Sport Sociology

Coaching and Leadership Styles in Youth Sports

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Direct Marketing

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Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Education, Treatment and Enforcement

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Addiction

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Raymond Jacobucci is the Director of Residential Treatment Services at the Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia where he is responsible for all detox and inpatient treatment. He is an adjunct professor at the Community College of Philadelphia where he teaches addiction-specific courses. Jacobucci has over twenty-five years of experience in the treatment of addictions including teaching, private practice, and serving on various boards and committees.

Child Abuse Investigations

Domestic Violence

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

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Criminal Justice

Crisis Management

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Ed Hartung is a more than 32-year veteran in the law enforcement profession. During his years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Cleveland Heights, Ohio Police Department, Hartung served in several managerial/supervisory positions. In his law enforcement career I was interviewed numerous times by both televised and print media. Mr. Hartung also has legal expertise stemming from his law degree and being a member of the Ohio Bar Association.

Terrorism

Disasters

Trauma

Hostage Negotiation

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Police Procedures

Undercover State Police Experiences

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EDUCATION TOPICS

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Superintendent/School Board Relations

Public Schools Today – Effective or Not?

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MATH TOPICS

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How Technology Changes Math

Calculus Reform: The Role of Technology in Calculus Instruction

Using Math Models for Real Life Situations

Mathematical Interpretation of Human Behavior: Decision Making through Math

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Philosophy of Mind and Psychology
Philosophy of Cognitive Science and Neuroscience
Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
Asian Philosophy and Comparative Philosophy

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Phenomenology
Environmental Philosophy
Aesthetics

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PSYCHOLOGY TOPICS

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Pennsylvania Counseling Association

Professional Ethics

Human Services Accountability in Human Resources

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Medical Ethics

Ethical Themes in Film

Marriage and Sexuality

Religious War and Peace

Animal Rights

Christian Theology

General Topics in Ethics

Intersections between Religion and Science (BIOETHICS)

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Christian Ethics

Roman Catholic Tradition in Ethics

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ATHLETIC TRAINING

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Environmental Issues and Land Use

Living with an Endangered Species

Human Genomes

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COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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SOCIAL WORK

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Child Abuse – Myths and Realities

How to Survive Parenting Teens

Stress Management at Home and Work

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Healing Grief through Metaphysics

Student Mentoring

Hugging your way to Health and Happiness

Social Work

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ART

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MUSIC

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Jazz – 1910 to the Present

The Birth of Rock ‘n’ Roll

Popular Music 1900-1950

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Back Care and Safety

Posture and Ergonomics for the Computer Operator

Stress Management

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Medicare Changes

Occupational therapy with neurological disorders

Healthcare reimbursement issues

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ALVERNIA FAST FACTS:

Founding Year: 1958 **Motto:** “To Learn, To Love, To Serve”

Degrees Awarded: Associate of Science, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Arts in Community Counseling, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Occupational Therapy, and Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership.

Campus: The main campus in Reading is 55 acres, with two off-campus centers in Philadelphia and Pottsville (Schuylkill County).

Enrollment: 2,800 students attend Alvernia, including 1,400 traditional undergraduates, 680 continuing education students, and 720 graduate students. A little over 75% of first-year students live on campus.

Faculty: Among Alvernia professors, almost two-thirds hold the highest degree in their field. The student to- faculty ratio is 15:1. Most classes are 20 students or fewer.

Student Activities: More than 50 student groups, including intramural and intercollegiate sports, academic clubs, honor societies, student government, and faith-based, arts, environmental, and service clubs.

Athletics: NCAA Division III, new member of Middle Atlantic States Athletic Conference (beginning 2008-2009) and Eastern College Athletic Conference, 7 men’s and 8 women’s intercollegiate sports.

Financial Aid: About 99% of traditional undergraduates receive some type of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study. Each year, we award more than \$3 million in assistance. Alvernia University is located in a residential neighborhood in Reading, Pennsylvania. We are a private, residential, coeducational institution with liberal arts and professional programs sponsored by the Bernardine Franciscan sisters, a Catholic religious order.

General: Alvernia University’s academic program includes 50 undergraduate programs of study, six master’s degrees, a Ph.D. in Leadership, principal and teacher certifications, degree completion programs, and a unique program for older adults called the Seniors College, which serves hundreds of senior citizens. Its mission is to provide a rigorous, caring, and inclusive learning community committed to academic excellence and to being and fostering broadly educated lifelong learners, reflective professionals and engaged citizens, and ethical learners with moral courage.

MAJORS & MINORS

Addiction Studies
 Athletic Training
 Biochemistry
 Biology
 Biology-Medical
 Technology
 Business:
 *Accounting
 *Human Resource Management
 *Management
 *Marketing
 *Sport Management
 *Chemistry
 *Chemistry-Medical Technology
 Communications:
 *Corporate
 *Film, Culture & Creative Arts
 *Journalism
 *Media Design and Production
 *Public Relations and Advertising
 *Theatre Studies
 Computer Information Systems:
 *Business
 *Communications
 *Criminal Justice
 *Mathematics
 *Science
 Criminal Justice
 Administration
 Education:
 *Early Childhood Education
 *Elementary Education
 *Secondary Education:
 *Biology
 *Business
 *Computer and Information Technology
 *Chemistry
 *English
 *Mathematics
 *Social Studies
 *Special Education

English
 Forensic Science
 General Science
 History
 Liberal Studies
 Mathematics
 Nursing
 Occupational Therapy (5-year Master's Degree)
 Philosophy
 Political Science
 Psychology:
 *General
 *Counseling Rehabilitation
 *Forensic Psychology
 *Sport Psychology
 Social Work
 Theology
 Undecided

ADDITIONAL MINORS

Art
 Digital Media
 Gerontology
 Information Studies
 International Studies
 Music
 Physics
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Theatre
 Women's Studies

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Pre-Dental
 Pre-Law
 Pre-Medical
 Pre-Veterinary