CONTINUING EDUCATION

Adult Education
Adult Education at Heartland Community College includes several programs to assist students who need to work on basic skills in order to function more effectively in their communities. These programs include:

- **Adult Basic Education** for individuals who need to improve basic literacy and math skills;
- **GED Preparation** for individuals who did not complete high school;
- **Functional English as a Second Language** for non-native English speakers who need to improve their language ability for everyday purposes;
- **Academic English Language Program (AELP)** for non-native English speakers who need to improve their language ability in order to enroll in college-level classes;
- **Bridge Programs** for individuals who need to improve basic skills while preparing for specific career pathways (at time of publication, programs include Health Careers, Manufacturing Careers, and Business Basics);
- **Skills for Success** classes for individuals who are unemployed/underemployed and need to improve basic computer skills, develop cover letters and resumes, and who want to explore their career options;
- **Accelerating Opportunity in Welding** for individuals who need reading, math and career planning support while completing a 16-credit hour certificate in welding;

Most Adult Education programs are supported by state and federal grants; services and materials in these classes are provided at no cost to eligible students. To be eligible for services, individuals must be at least 16 years old. Each program may have additional eligibility requirements. Select Adult Education services are offered in Bloomington-Normal, Lincoln and Pontiac. As the College grows, additional courses, locations and class formats will be added. For more information regarding Adult Education, please visit our website: www.heartland.edu/adultEd or call (309)268-8180.

Community Education
Community Education is your path to lifelong learning! We offer a broad range of educational opportunities designed for individuals of all ages who want to continue learning but are not necessarily interested in earning college credit or pursuing a degree. Course offerings vary in format and cost but tend to be more informal than traditional college classes. To view the current schedule of classes go to www.heartland.edu/communityEd or call (309)268-8160 to receive a schedule booklet.

Community Education offerings include - but are not limited to - the following areas:
- **Enrichment**: active retirement, creative arts, health and wellness, home and garden, language for travel, personal finance, recreation and leisure, trips and tours, youth programs;
- **Professional Development**: continuing education, language and communications, business management, computers skills;
- **Job Training**: truck driver training, real estate, travel and tourism, health care;
- **College Prep**: test review, college application process;
- **Youth Enrichment**: Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) provides exciting learning opportunities for young people, allowing them to explore new areas of interest. Courses are offered throughout the school year, after school and on Saturdays. Each summer, we offer an extensive schedule of YEP classes. Summer YEP schedule booklets are available in late March.

For questions or to register for Community Education programs, call (309) 268-8160.

The Green Institute and Pregracke Center
Established in 2008, the Green Institute provides leadership on sustainability initiatives that encompass environmental, economic and social stewardship. It is a resource for the campus and broader community of businesses and residents as they participate in the green economy. It also supports the College’s instruction and training programs on energy conservation, green building, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, water conservation, and other environmental technologies. The Pregracke Center, prominently situated in the first floor atrium of the Workforce Development Center (WDC), is part of the Green Institute. This award winning exhibit focuses on the conservation and river reclamation work of HCC alumnus Chad Pregracke and his non-profit organization, Living Lands & Waters. For more information about the Green Institute please call (309)268-8238 or visit www.heartland.edu/greenInstitute

The Challenger Learning Center
The Challenger Learning Center at Heartland Community College provides Central Illinois K-12 students with hands-on, minds-on, STEM-focused educational experiences. These are delivered via an aerospace theme through school programs, workshops and summer camps. Personal enrichment and professional development programs for adults are also available at the CLC through Heartland’s Community Education and Customized Training departments. Located in the Astroth Community Education Center (ACEC), the Challenger Learning Center is one of over 40 similar centers throughout the world. For more information call (309)268-8700 or visit www.challengerlearningcenter.com

Customized Training
The Customized Training Department provides continuing education and training tailored to the unique needs of area employers and delivered virtually any time or place. Staff in Customized Training is prepared to work with business, industry, non-profit and governmental organizations to identify training needs and develop customized solutions that help organizations maintain a highly qualified workforce.

Areas of training expertise include, but are not limited to:
- **Information Services & Technology**: Microsoft Office Suite and Windows, tablet computing, desktop publishing, Web development, project management, network and security;
- **Professional Development**: accounting, bookkeeping, emergency response training, food safety/handling;
Business Skills & Tools: leadership, team-building, customer service, sales, supervision marketing, social media;
Industrial and Manufacturing: robotics, welding, maintenance, quality control, OSHA safety, LEAN, Six Sigma, custodial, CDL;
Language & Literacy: business writing, presentation tools and techniques, telephone skills, grammar, English as a Second Language, Spanish for specific industries

Call (309) 268-8440 to discuss how Customized Training can assist your organization or visit www.heartland.edu/customizedTraining