A New Look for Summer Camps

Now online. Something for virtually everyone!

To ensure the safety of campers and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, UW-Whitewater has made the difficult decision to cancel all overnight summer camps for 2020. But don’t despair: #WarhawkCamps will go on!

Continuing Education Services is hosting a series of online events to keep your campers active. “It’s disappointing that we won’t be able to host students on campus this summer but the health and safety of the staff, participants, and their families are the most important factors in this decision.” says John Fons, director of camps and conferences. “It’s great that many of our camps are going to offer programming at a distance.” Online programs for youth include high school and youth quarterback skill development, middle and high school game development, a series of STEM options, and youth and guitar string academy. Programs are available for kids as young as 5 years old, and many are offered for students up to 12th grade.

The complete listing of summer online events can be found at our website. More camps are being added daily, so be sure to check back often. In the meantime, stay safe and please direct your questions to cesevents@uww.edu.
Looking for Garden and Landscape Inspiration? We Can Help.

Gardening is the perfect hobby as temperatures warm up and we stay close to home. Continuing Education is pleased to host online gardening workshops this summer. These workshops will be led by well-known gardening expert Mark Dwyer, owner of Landscape Prescriptions by MD. Dates and topics include:

- Saturday, May 30: Herbs & Edibles in the Garden
- Saturday, June 20: Designing the Four Season Garden
- Saturday, June 27: Perennials Under Trees

Each session costs $15, or $35 for all three, and the price includes 0.5 Master Gardener CEUs. Mark will return to the Rock County campus in fall to offer in-person workshops on topics such as ornamental grasses, bulbs, and winter landscapes.

Would you like to see some garden and landscaping techniques in real life? Continuing Education also offers free guided tours of our prairie/nature preserve and campus landscapes. Wes Enterline, master gardener and director of UW-Whitewater Sustainability, and members of the sustainability and grounds crew will lead each tour. Dates and topics include:

- Thursday, June 18: Plants & Plans for the UW-W Nature Preserve
- Saturday, July 11: Plants & Plans for the UW-W Nature Preserve
- Thursday, August 6: History of the Whitewater Normal School Grounds
- Thursday, August 13: Gardens & Trees of the South Campus Core
- Wednesday, August 19: Gardens & Trees of the North Campus Core

Did you know that the UW-W campus was recently recognized as a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and received Level II accreditation by ArbNet, the Interactive Community of Arboreta? We are the only university in the state and only one of 113 arboreta worldwide to receive this level of accreditation. Come learn more on one of our tours this summer. Tours will be held virtually if campus is closed or gatherings prohibited.
Heritage Language Certificate Program Resumes in June

Returning for its third year, the Certificate in Heritage Language program resumes next month. This certificate is designed for heritage language educators, language teachers who teach classes of mixed heritage and new language learners, and educators who are interested in creating culturally and linguistically sustaining classrooms for multilingual learners. Program participants gather with critical bilingual and heritage language teachers from across the country to explore, share, and create powerful learning opportunities for their multilingual learners.

Summer courses focus on an overview of critical approaches and a focus on using arts-based language arts, with additional courses during the school year. New this year are sessions in the Growing Biliteracies Series include Foundations for Becoming a Reading Teacher and Reading Across Content Areas. Program coordinator Dr. Jenna Cushing-Leubner was recently interviewed on the What in the World? Language Podcast where she discussed ways the program helps teachers create a culturally and linguistically sustaining classroom for multiethnic/multilingual students.

Past participants in the Certificate program sing its praises. A Spanish teacher from Minnesota says, “the resources that I have been provided with have allowed me to create a class where students feel heard and safe.” Another who teaches Hmong notes the program “teaches us to empower our students in different ways, but also empower us to be better teachers, how to navigate the educational structure to benefit our students as it should.” Others note that the program provides a support and networking. “Heritage language teachers frequently exist in isolation,” writes one heritage language teacher from Rhode Island. “I now have heritage language colleagues – and friends! – all over the country. This program has truly been invaluable for me, and I know of nothing else like it.”
All classes are offered synchronously (in real-time) and online. They can be taken as continuing education (CEUs), for credit towards an additional license, or for graduate studies credit. Each class is the equivalent of a 3-credit undergraduate/graduate course. For more information, visit the program website or contact program director Dr. Jenna Cushing-Leubner at cushingj@uww.edu.

Free Online Mini Course: Beer Matters, The Sampler

Sample size version available now, full-length class returns in September.

What do you know about the Prohibition era? Would you like to learn more? Join us online for a sample size of Beer Matters, our popular online free course. The lecture, materials and discussions are available to access any time, and the class will wrap up with a virtual meet up on June 3. Class is free, registration required. Bottoms up!
Congratulations Graduating Student Staff

Like most other departments on campus, Graduate Studies and Continuing Education rely on the skills and talents of dozens of student employees. These dedicated members of our staff provide customer service, technical support, and valuable research to help keep our programs running smoothly. These students have stepped in when professional staff have been on leave, during staff turnover, and when the pandemic hit. This spring, four of our team members will be graduating and moving on to professional careers of their own. We send our heartfelt congratulations to:

- Gina Carrola (counseling) earned her master’s degree and has been hired as a mental health counselor at Four Winds Counseling, LLC in Madison.
- Alexa Patterson (graphic design) is pursuing design opportunities in the Madison area.
- Jacob Toberman (computer science and information technology) will be working on campus through August while job hunting.
- Alysha Ulrich (accounting and information technology) will begin her work as Mutual Fund Accountant at US Bank in Milwaukee in June.

We wish you our very best and thank you for your contribution to the University!
Home Office Spotlight: Laura Montez

Educational pathways coordinator invites you into her remote workspace and talks about her new role.

I continue to meet virtually with school and district leaders from around the state to build up partnerships between UW-Whitewater and PK-12 schools. We have been working to expand access for high school students to get college credit and for staff to further their education. In my new role as the online recruiter for College of Education and Professional Studies, I have been helping interested individuals get the information they need about our available fully online programs for bachelor degree completion, special education teaching licensure, graduate certificates, and master’s degrees. This is in addition to the on-site cohorts that districts can host for English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education add-on licensure as well as the Master of Science in Education-Professional Studies degree. As you can see from my picture, I frequently share my home office with a co-worker, although he’s usually laying by my feet sleeping.
On Saturday May 9th online orientation was held for 42 new students admitted into the admitted for the ECE4U Cohort 2020. All of the students in the program transferred from one of the Wisconsin Technical Colleges. This year, the most students are transferring from Fox Valley Technical College and Madison College. Four of the student have been working for 15+ years in the field of early childhood education! This Cohort reports that they’re looking most forward to the special education coursework in this program. Welcome new Warhawks!
It’s not too late to register for Summer Session courses. The best part? You don’t have to be a current UW-Whitewater student to enroll. Learn more below and apply today. You’ll be ready to attend our special online/alternate delivery 2020 Summer Session in just a few days. Most courses are just 3 or 6 weeks. Summer will be here before you know it. Grab a friend and join us online this summer!

This spring, the entire UW-Whitewater community experienced a dramatic shift in the way we work, teach, and learn. Kelly Alicea, a returning adult student in her final semester, chronicled her higher education journey, including ways she engaged virtually during the pandemic. Travel along with Kelly on her website as she reflects on her time at UW-W and looks forward to her future.

Are you anxious? Bored? Or thinking about career plans after this time of self-distancing? We can help! Use your extra time to engage your mind, tap into your creativity, or learn a new skill with our online classes. Hundreds of titles, including Intro to PC Troubleshooting, Helping Elderly Parents, and Secrets of Better Photography, are available online with monthly start dates. These flexible, affordable classes are a great way to learn something new while spending time while at home. Next start date is June 17.
Mark your calendars! **Super Science Saturday** returns to the Rock County campus in Janesville on October 17. Join our faculty, staff and students in exciting STEM-based experiments and projects. All ages welcome!

Did you know lectures in the [Fairhaven Lecture Series](#) are recorded and available for viewing anytime on our website? While you’re staying safe at home, check out lectures on the [German-American community during WWII](#), two years that changed the [Milky Way Galaxy](#), and [the origins of Shi’a Islam](#). These are just a few of more than a hundred videos of lectures given by UW-Whitewater faculty. Check out more titles at our [website](#) and join us back at [Fairhaven Senior Services](#) for in-person lectures focusing on the 2020 election this fall.

UW-Whitewater cares deeply about the health and safety of our community. A dedicated [webpage](#) has been created to share information and resources for everyone. Stay informed, stay home and stay safe!