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BLOOMFIELD ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM



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General Accessibility and Accommodation:

All activities offered by The Bloomfield Adult and Continuing Education Program are held in accessible locations. Accommodations for individuals with a disability are available upon request. Please contact Vanessa Goncalves at (860) 286-2637.

General Educational Development (GED®) Test Accommodations:

Accommodations for the GED® test are available for qualified individuals with a disability. For more information, contact Michael Bailey at 860-286-2637 or you may contact Sabrina Mancini at the Connecticut State Department of Education at (860) 807-2111.

No Charge for materials for mandated courses: In compliance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec.10-73a there is no fee for registration, books or materials to any adult enrolled in the Citizenship, ESL or high school completion programs.

REGISTRATION

Academic and Leisure Time courses are open to individuals 17 years of age and older. Registration will be held in person before the start of classes.

A State of Connecticut driver's license or Connecticut photo ID is required upon registration to qualify for residency. Please see page 5 for more information.

A 17 year old or 18 year old wishing to enroll in a mandated adult education class must have an official withdrawal slip from the last Connecticut high school they attended and an attestation from a guidance counselor or administrator of the school. Withdrawal forms for 17 years old must include the signed consent of a parent or guardian.

CALENDAR

Registration: In person Tuesday, August 29, and Wednesday August 30, 2023, 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. at Carmen Arace Middle School, Room 501 or call for appointment 860-286-2637.

Classes begin: Monday, September 11, 2023. **Classes end:** Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

No classes on the following dates:

Monday, October 9 — Indigenous Peoples' Day

Wednesday, November 22 - Thanksgiving break

TUITION

GED, ABE, ESL and American Citizenship courses are **free** to **Bloomfield residents**.

No Tuition Charges or Fees for Mandated Courses:

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Bloomfield Adult Education reserves the right to revise or cancel offerings as may become necessary.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY

Picture ID

1. Driver's License
2. State ID

If addresses do not agree with picture ID, applicant must bring an original of one of the following:

1. Utility bills: electric, phone, gas, cable
2. Rental agreement
3. Major credit card bill
4. Auto registration
5. Auto insurance

Envelope must have a current address, the name exactly as it appears on the picture ID (especially Jr. or Sr.) and must have a current postmark---one month or less.

The first day of class (Appraisal Tests) for all new students is Tuesday, September 5, and Wednesday, September 6, 2023 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

State Assistance Available



CT Department of Labor. Do you need help in getting a job, developing a resume or exploring career options? Visit Hartford American Job Center in Hartford at 3580 Main Street or call (860) 256-3700. www.CTHires.com

The Education and Employment Information Center (EEIC) is a statewide referral service of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. The EEIC hotline operates from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. every weekday except holidays. A trained information specialist will either answer your question immediately or direct you to the proper source. They can tell you about educational offerings at all levels including college, adult continuing education and job training programs. They also provide career information, such as job descriptions and services designed to help you find a job.

Hotline: 800-842-0229 and (860) 947-1810. E-mail: eeic@ctdhe.org.

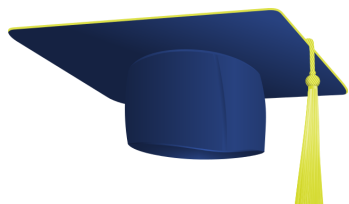
COURSE SELECTIONS

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Course	DAY	BEG. DATE	END DATE	TIME	TUITION
ABE Math	Mondays	Mon. Sept. 11	Mon. Dec. 4	6:00-7:45PM	FREE
ABE English	Tuesdays	Tues. Sept. 12	Tues. Nov. 28	6:00-7:45	FREE
GED Prep.	Mon., Tues., & Wed.	Mon. Sept. 11	Wed. Dec. 6	6:00-7:45PM	FREE
ESL	Mon. & Tues.	Mon. Sept. 11	Mon. Dec. 4	6:00-7:45PM	FREE
Citizenship	Tuesdays	Tues. Sept. 12	Tues. Nov. 14	6:00-7:30 PM	FREE
Mindfulness	Mondays	Mon. Sept. 18	Mon. Nov. 6	6:00-7:00	\$60.00
Mindful Space	Wednesdays	Wed. Sept. 20	Wed. Nov. 1	6:00-7:00	\$60.00
Beginning Ukulele	Tuesdays	Tues. Sept. 19	Tues. Nov. 7	6:00-7:00 PM	\$60.00
Learn to Crochet	Wednesdays	Wed. Sept. 20	Wed. Oct. 11	6:00-7:00 PM	\$30.00
Social Security and Medicare	Tuesday	Tues. Oct. 3	Tues. Oct. 3	6:00-7:00 PM	\$10.00
The Four Pillars of the New Retirement	Wednesday	Wed. Oct. 11	Wed. Oct. 11	6:00-7:00 PM	\$10.00

Payment for leisure classes is due before the first day of class. We are only able to accept **cash**, no personal checks. Minimum of 4 students needed for leisure classes to run.

ADULT EDUCATION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



Connecticut State Diploma (GED)

The **GED** program is a FREE 12-week semester course designed to review the four areas found on the High School Equivalency Examination. All materials will be provided for the participants. GED classes will meet three times a week: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

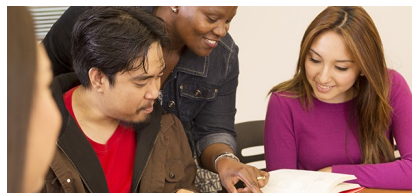
Instructors: N. Starr
M. Donovan
D. Mortensen



American Citizenship Preparation

This is a FREE program designed to prepare prospective citizens for the citizenship exam. Participants will study United States History, and American Customs and Culture. All materials will be provided for the participants. This class will meet on Tuesdays for 10 weeks per semester from 6:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

Instructor: L. Whiting



Adult Basic Education (ABE)

The **ABE** program is a FREE 12-week semester course designed to assist English-speaking adults in basic **Mathematics, Reading** and **Writing skills**. ABE classes will meet two times a week: Monday (Math) and Tuesday (English), from 6:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

Diagnostic testing is utilized to determine level of proficiency.

Instructor: R. Othman
C. Bleiler

Counseling



All GED, ABE, or ESL students will be contacted by our Guidance Counselor to review their program of studies, test scores and to offer advice and information designed to assist in personal, academic or career growth.

School Counselor: V. Goncalves



English as a Second Language (ESL)

The **ESL** program is a FREE 12-week semester course designed to provide non-English speaking adults with beginning and intermediate English-speaking skills. All materials will be provided for the participants. ESL classes will meet two times a week: Monday and Tuesday.

Beginner from 5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.

Intermediate/Advanced from 6:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M.

Instructor: P. Nunes

Clases de Inglés como Segundo Idioma (ESL)

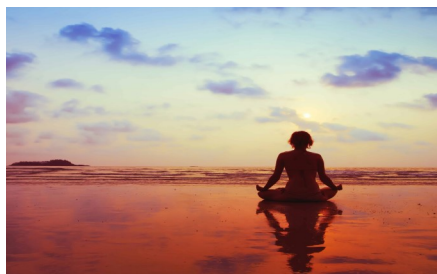
El programa de **ESL** es GRATIS por 12 semanas por semestre. Este curso es para adultos con conocimientos básicos o intermedios del idioma inglés. Todos los libros y materiales serán proporcionados a los participantes. Las clases son lunes y martes.

Principiantes de 5:00 PM a 6:00 P.M.

Intermedios/Avanzados de 6:00—7:45 P.M.

Instructor: P. Nunes

LEISURE CLASSES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



Mindfulness

Give yourself the gift of inner peace

Come and find out how a mindful practice can improve your health and daily living.

This class will teach the basic principles and techniques of developing mindfulness, including the health benefits of a mindful practice while reducing the stress of daily demands and conflicts.

Instructor: M. Donnelly

Mondays 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Fee: \$60.00



Mindful Space

This class is designed for those who have some beginner experience with mindfulness. This class will hold the space and time for you to maintain and expanding your mindful practice. With all the demands before us, it is often hard to put aside time for ourselves. Come join us each week to put the world on hold.

Instructor: M. Donnelly

Wednesdays 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Fee: \$60.00



Beginning Ukulele

Beginning Ukulele is for those with little to no experience with guitar and ukulele.

We will learn basic chords and strumming patterns using traditional and popular songs.

Do you have a favorite song you want to learn? We will work on it together. Students must have a ukulele for class and practicing.

Come and join the fun!

Instructor: K. Zebroski

Tuesdays 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Fee: \$60.00

LEISURE CLASSES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



The Four Pillars of New Retirement

This class shares insights from research about how retirement is changing. Attendees will gain knowledge about the four essential pillars (health, family, purpose and finances) that can impact quality of life in retirement.

Instructor: E. Judge, CFP

Wednesday, Oct. 11

6:00—7:00 P.M.

Fee: \$10.00



Social Security and Medicare

Social Security can be the foundation of a retiree's income. Therefore, it is important to understand benefit options available.

During this class, we will discuss ways to maximize Social Security benefit amounts for the individuals and their spouse based on age, life expectancy, employment and need. We also discuss healthcare costs and how Medicare can help with those costs.

Instructor: E. Judge, CFP

Tuesday, October 3

6:00 -7:00 P.M.

Fee: \$10.00



Learn to Crochet

Welcome to a course in crocheting! Learn new skill, that can be a year round hobby. Learn to make a simple tote bag, pot holders, wash cloth, dish towels, and scarfs, which you make for yourself, or give as gift giving.

In this class, you will learn the basic crochet stitches, reading a simple pattern stich and crochet in rows. Bring at least two skeins of cotton yarns or acrylic. Lily Sugar N crème cone medium, in a plain color (yellow, white, ecru) are great choices. Caron Simply Soft Acrylic yarn is a wonderful choice if you would like to make a tote bag or scarf (plain color). Bring a 5.5 mm and 5 mm crochet hook. No experience necessary!

Instructor: F. Brown-Dumont

Wednesday, September 20

6:00 –7:00 P.M.

Fee: \$30.00



LOOKING FOR NEW INSTRUCTORS!!

In an effort to continue to bring new and exciting academic courses to the Community, Bloomfield Adult Education is always looking for new instructors to bring their talent to us.

If you have a particular skill and an interesting topic that you would like to share with other adults, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Bloomfield Adult Education
390 Park Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone: _____

Course Description: _____

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2023-2024 CALENDAR



DAYS: 0

- 4** Independence Day:
offices closed
10-28 Summer Programs

JULY 2023						
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DAYS: 21

- 1** New Year's Day:
schools & offices closed
10 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
15 M.L. King Day: schools
& offices closed
24 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

DAYS: 2

- 28** Convocation
29 Teacher PD
30 First day of school

**PD = Professional
Development

AUGUST 2023						
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DAYS: 20

- 7** PD: early dismissal
PreK-12
19 Presidents' Day: schools
& offices closed
21 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

DAYS: 20

- 4** Labor Day: schools &
offices closed
13 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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DAYS: 19

- 6-8** Parent Conferences:
early dismissal PreK-12
20 Teacher PD: **schools
closed**
29 Good Friday: schools &
offices closed

DAYS: 20

- 4** Teacher PD: **schools
closed**
9 Indigenous Peoples'
Day: schools & offices
closed
18 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

OCTOBER 2023						
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DAYS: 17

- 8-12** Spring Recess: **schools
closed**
24 PD: early dismissal
PreK-12

DAYS: 18

- 7** Election Day: **schools
closed** Teacher PD
22-24 Thanksgiving Recess:
schools & offices
closed

NOVEMBER 2023						
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DAYS: 21

- 8** Teacher PD: **schools
closed**
27 Memorial's Day:
schools & offices
closed

DAYS: 15

- 6-8** Parent Conferences:
early dismissal PreK-12
22 Observance of
Christmas Eve: schools
& offices closed
25 Christmas Day: offices
closed
25-29 Holiday Recess:
schools closed

DECEMBER 2023						
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JUNE 2024						
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DAYS: 7

- 11** Projected last day of
school: early dismissal
PreK-12
19 Juneteenth: offices
closed

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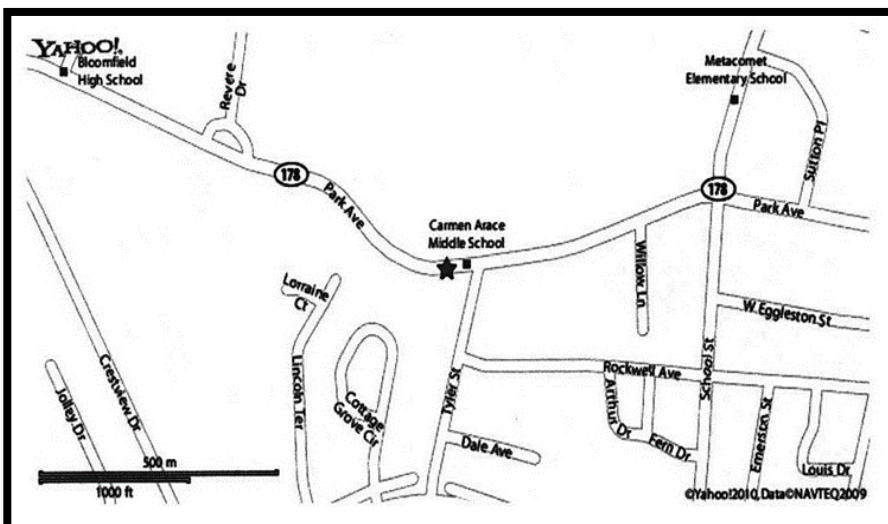
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**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER IN
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**Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday
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6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Or Call (860) 286-2637

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