THE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Institute for Economic Development is a vital part of the total program at Broward College. The Institute emphasizes the community by extending the College into the community through noncredit offerings and programs reaching beyond the traditional limits of the College. The Institute for Economic Development houses the following departments.

- Continuing Education Department
- Center for Business and Industry
- Health Science Continuing Education and Workforce Development
- RENEW
- Lingua Center at Broward College Education Department

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The Continuing Education Department offers non-credit courses that provide continuing professional education (CPE) for individuals wishing to upgrade their present skills, explore new occupational fields, personal education, intellectual enrichment and/or specialty programs.

Continuing Education courses vary in structure and length. Non-credit courses are offered at all BC campuses (North, Central, South), Tigertail, Lake Center, Miramar Center, Miramar Town Center, Willis Holcombe Downtown Center, Weston Center and other community locations.

Continuing Education students must complete a non-credit application to be able to take a Continuing Education course at Broward College. The application may be completed online through the online registration process. Forms may be downloaded and faxed to 954-201-7882, or the student may come to a registration office on any of the college’s campuses. Continuing Education students do not pay an application fee. Out-of-state tuition does not apply to Continuing Education students, all fees are the same for all students. Students registered for Continuing Education courses are required to pay for the class before the first class meeting.

Payment may be made online or at any of the college’s bursar offices.

Professional Development
- Aviation
- Business
- Child Care Certification
- Computers & Technology
- Building, Safety, Sustainability, and Trades
- Industry Certifications
- Insurance
- Language Center
- Real Estate
- Teacher Education

Personal Development
- Creative Arts Center
- Fitness, Recreation, Watersports
- Kids and Teens

Test Preparation and Skills Refresher Course
PERT Skills Preparation- EDH 0554 students who need to refresh their skills in algebra, geometry, grammar and spelling before they take the PERT assessment or need to refresh their skills to retake the PERT later; this course will provide you with content information and review of the skills you need to demonstrate on the P.E.R.T test. It is not only informative it is fun. You will be able to review reading, writing and arithmetic, using YouTube, posters, one-on-one teaching, audio CDs and DVDs. No more boring classes. Our goal is to help you do better on the PERT.

Smart Start Workshops
MOOC
Test Preparation
Online courses

Insurance Program: provides courses for people interested in sitting for General Insurance Agents, Adjusters, and Life, Health and Annuity State Licensing Examinations. Continuing education courses for licensed insurance agents and National Professional Insurance Courses are also offered.

Real Estate Program: provides continuing education credits for real estate salespersons, brokers, and community association managers to enable them to maintain their active license status.

Kids and Teens Summer College: Children eight to fifteen years of age are introduced to Broward College’s innovative and enriching programs. Kids and Teens develop a special bond with fellow students while becoming familiar with the BC campus environment. Courses are offered in Automotive, Cosmetology, Decorating, Fashion Design, Finance, Leadership, Event Planning, Photography, Technology, Water sports, SAT and FCAT Test Prep, half day RTSC – Certificate programs and more.

Information Technology: The Institute meets the computer training needs of the Broward County business community including labor, industry, and government. Our non-credit courses are presented in state-of-the-art laboratories on BC or online. Programs are offered in a number of certifications. Programs are continually added with the advancement of technology and for the growing need of the workforce.

The Institute has three methods for providing workshops in a range of popular microcomputer programs.

Center for Business and Industry
The Center for Business and Industry (CBI) at Broward College’s Institute for Economic Development works to support the economic well-being of Broward County’s workforce. CBI provides design, development, delivery and evaluation of training programs as well as professional consultation to address workplace problems. Established in 1990, CBI has structured diverse, competency-based programs for industries and organizations focused on enhancing the skill and information base of employees. Programs are delivered by qualified trainers, business practitioners, and experienced educators to guarantee timeliness and quality. www.broward.edu/business, (954) 201-7850.

CBI’s programs are offered at all campuses and centers. Options include:

- Customized training at business and industry sites
- “Work Keys” Skills Assessment
- Adventure Training Trambuilding

Customized on-site training means an end to generic, expensive and time-consuming seminars and extensive travel. Customized programs are designed to meet specific needs of a company without requiring travel from the comfort and convenience of the firm’s location. Practitioners and consultants with successful business and industry backgrounds help define training needs. Technical skills, management skills and team-building programs are tailored to the culture of the business and the learning styles of employees. Customized training offers a choice...
of formats best suited to employees and employers. Short or long-term programming, lasting from a few hours to several months, is available.

The Health Science Continuing Education/Workforce Development program provides educational opportunities for health professionals who desire to increase their knowledge and skills based on a continuum. The program supports and assists in implementing the mission of the College through continuing education offerings for health care providers. Target groups include medical assistants, dental assistants and hygienists, dietitians, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, clinical education personnel, nursing home administrators, radiographers, physical therapists and assistants, respiratory therapists, and psychological services licensees and massage therapists.

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Interprofessional collaboration in programming fosters interaction among health care practitioners in order to provide improved quality health care. We support the concept of learning as a continuous process of formal and informal education and training. Continuing education and workforce development is supplemental to formal education and therefore, most appropriate as short-term, non-credit offerings. Offerings are available at all campus sites and various off campus facilities. Day, evening, and weekend classes provide opportunities for continuing education. The format for classes includes seminars, workshops, short and long-term courses and special educational programs. College credit courses, as well as on-line are also available. Contracted instructional services meet the needs of individual institutions, agencies, or groups.

Non-credit and credit courses are in the publication, Continuing Education and Workforce Development, Health Science, which is linked online and published three times a year. Additional flyers announce individual offerings periodically. For information regarding these programs contact Continuing Education/Workforce Development, Health Science at (954) 201-6708.

RENUEF

Refugees Entering New Enterprises and Workforce (RENEW) is a comprehensive ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and job training program for refugees and political asylees and victims of human trafficking. RENEW operates as a component of the Continuing Education department at the College. The program is funded by the Florida Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Services, and administered by the Florida Department of Children and Families. All services are free for eligible clients.

Eligibility Requirements

Clients with the following statuses are eligible for RENEW:

- Refugee Status
- Asylum Status
- Cuban/Haitian Entrant Status
- Cuban/Haitian Asylum Applicants
- Amerasian Status
- Certified Victims of Trafficking
- Lawful Permanent Residents Adjusted from Prior Asylum or Refugee Status

NOTE: Clients are eligible for services if they are within five years (60 months) of their date of entry or the date they received their status. Clients must also be employed and be a resident of Broward county to be eligible for services.

Services

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Language should never be a barrier to success. Project RENEW ESOL classes focus on communication by using the communicative approach so that our clients may successfully use English in their daily lives and thrive in the workforce. Our additional emphasis on life and work skills ensures that RENEW clients are prepared to succeed academically and in their chosen careers. Coordinated Academic Training (CAT)

Project RENEW recognizes that academic and professional success requires more than good communication skills. Our CAT classes go beyond language communication skills and are designed to specifically meet the needs of the refugee/asylee community so that they may advance in the workplace and succeed academically. RENEW offers a variety of CAT classes including, but not limited to: basic to advanced grammar, reading and writing, computer skills, and work readiness.

Post-Secondary Adult Education (PSAE) Scholarships

The ultimate goal for Project RENEW clients is to achieve financial self-sufficiency. To assist our clients in attaining this goal, RENEW offers scholarships for qualified clients to receive vocational and/or technical training in marketable occupations that require more than a high school diploma but less than an academic degree. Program restrictions apply and scholarship funds are limited.

Career Counseling

Career counseling at RENEW goes beyond providing advice. The counselors take a personal interest in helping students create and pursue viable career paths based on their values, interests and desires by:

- Identifying training programs to launch careers
- Guiding students returning to their previous fields of employment
- Developing successful job-seeking and workplace readiness skills
- Referring clients to legal and employment service providers

For more information, contact the RENEW Department at (954) 201-2677 or send an e-mail to renew@broward.edu. Our office is located at North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd., Bldg. 60 Room 300, Coconut Creek, FL 33329. RENEW staff members speak English, Spanish, French and Haitian-Creole.

Lingua Center at Broward College

Lingua programs include the Intensive English Programs, Supplemental Courses, Customized language programs in English and foreign languages, and Corporate Language Programs.

Intensive English Programs (IEP) These programs are for international students and local non-native English speakers seeking to improve their ability to communicate in English. The program has a rolling admissions process with classes start every Monday. The program consists of seven (7) levels, each level is 12 weeks, classes meet Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:30pm and on Friday from 9:00am-11:00am. The Lingua Center at Broward College is federally authorized to enroll non-immigrant foreign students. Supplemental Courses Each Supplemental Course is a twelve-week program and can be taken simultaneously with the IEP level it supplements or on its own:

- Conversation and Accent Reduction (Levels 1-6) TOEFL Test Preparation (Level 7)
- Business English (Levels 4-7)
- Business Communication and Access Reduction - Provides further speaking, listening comprehension and pronunciation practice for students participating in the IEP and those with some background in English, mainly interested in enhancing oral communication.

Business English - These preparatory courses for international business executives, professionals, and business administration students and students in other fields who are or will be conducting business in the global market.

- Emphasis is made on the lexicon of business, communications techniques, strategies and skills needed to succeed in business.

The TOEFL test preparation course focuses on preparing international students who need to take the TOEFL Test, which many US colleges and universities mandate. The program has two main objectives, the first part will provide a comprehensive review of areas such as: grammar structures, listening and reading comprehension, with an emphasis in speaking and essay writing for the new TOEFL exam. The second part of the course provides an overview of the exam and test taking strategies, as well as an exhaustive practice of sample TOEFL tests.

Customized Language Programs - Offers a flexible schedule tailored to your proficiency level, and learning style. The program is offered in English, Spanish, and other foreign languages. You may complete a level of proficiency in two weeks or up to three months, depending on how many course hours you choose to complete per week. Upon enrollment in a custom program, you will take a preferred test to determine what your optimum learning channels are, so that your program can be designed accordingly. You may request class discussions and jargon of specific fields of interest. Custom classes may be offered in a one-to-one or group format.

Corporate Language Programs - Group or one-to-one. The curriculum is customized to the specific needs of your corporate group or individual executive as requested, whether in the medical, business or technical fields. We will come to your facilities for your convenience. Includes custom programs in English, Spanish, and other foreign languages. We can emphasize any aspect you choose for your organization.

For more information visit www.linguaschool.com or call 954-201-7955. For questions about Broward College please call 954-201-3000.