

Project Contemporary Competitiveness Advanced Studies Program



A Four-Week Summer Program
Conducted at Stonehill College

Sunday, June 30, 2024
to
Friday, July 26, 2024

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2024 CALENDAR

****Please follow PCC on Social Media or consult our website for updates****

INFORMATION NIGHTS will be conducted this winter.

Dates and times will be announced via our Social Media pages

ORIENTATION MEETINGS will be conducted in June.

You will receive details by email in mid-May.

Monday, May 1	Applications due
Friday, May 10	Half of tuition payment due
Friday, May 31	Final payment of tuition due
Sunday, June 30	Registration, Move-In, and Orientation Day
Monday, July 1	First Day of Classes
Wednesday, July 3	Program Closes at 12:30PM
Monday, July 8	Program resumes at 8:00AM (Dormitories open at 7:00AM)
Friday, July 12	Program Closes at 12:30PM
Friday, July 19	Classroom Visiting Day for Families 8:00-11:30AM
Friday, July 26	Culminating Activities & Program closes early afternoon.

Two classes in the morning.
Fun activities in the afternoon.
Presentations and Performances in the evening.

Since 1968, PCC has been offering an enriching and rewarding summer program for students all across southeastern Massachusetts. Hosted on the beautiful campus of Stonehill College in Easton, MA, PCC allows middle and high school students the opportunity to participate in a four-week residential program, living in the dorms on campus and attending engaging classes that offer hands-on learning. It also provides recreational activities in the afternoons and a core course in the Humanities in the evenings, all while preparing students for leadership roles in their schools and communities and fostering social development by bringing together students of diverse backgrounds and interests.

Apply at www.pccasp.org

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:15 Breakfast	2:30 - 5:00 Independent Study, Field Trips,
8:30 - 10:10 First Period	Recreational Activities, Course-Related Studies
10:30 - 12:10 Second Period	5:00 - 6:00 Dinner
12:20 - 1:20 Lunch	6:30- Core Course
1:30 - 2:30 Study Hour/DownTime	10:30 - Lights Out

Note: The above schedule is subject to change

RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Students will not be required to participate in a formal physical education program. However, recreation activities will be offered each day including, among others, organized sporting events and tournaments, arts and crafts projects, and board and tabletop games.

Academic programs such as guest speakers, performances, films, and plays will be offered to students during the evening hours.

Themed student socials/dances will be held usually one evening per week.

CORE COURSE

In the Core Course the entire student body will assemble each evening for programs planned primarily to provide experiences in drama, music, literature, and art. Guest artists, musical and dramatic groups, motivational speakers, and presenters from a wide array of backgrounds will provide a variety of programs. Performances from the Improv, Theatre, Band, Music & Movement classes, as well as Program-wide Talent Show and Lip Sync, will also be presented as Core Courses.



PCC 2024- COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Each student will be enrolled in two courses. On the student application form each student **MUST SELECT FOUR (4)** courses in order of preference. Every effort will be made to enroll students in their first and second course choices. However, in some instances this may not be possible.

Oversubscription in a course may necessitate a student being placed in another course. The Advanced Studies Program reserves the right to cancel any course offering.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Learn vocabulary, grammar, and structure of the language by using exciting games, role playing and videos. You can help work to create a more inclusive society by learning communication strategies and exploring Deaf Culture.

THE ART OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Explore the world of photography through fundamental camera operation and basic-to-advanced studio lighting skills for both portrait and still life. This course is for students who are interested in improving their photographic abilities and explore photography as an artform.

Important: A DSLR (digital single lens reflex) camera is a requirement for this course. No cameras will be provided for students from PCC.

ASTRONOMY

Students will learn about the composition and physics of our solar system, about the meteors, comets, and planets with which we share the galaxy. They will study the evolution of stars and the universe, as well as a history of astronomy throughout the centuries.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP: POETRY, PROSE & JOURNALISM

An intensive workshop where students interested in writing as an artform will learn how to use their writing as a method of personal expression, either through poetry & prose or journalism. The course will provide daily writing opportunities, as well as fun and informative lessons, one-on-one conferences, and group activities.

DISCOVERY CHEMISTRY

A lab-based course where an emphasis is placed on the study of chemistry through fun experiments and hands-on activities. Students will learn the basics of the chemical world while gaining laboratory skills & experience.

FINANCIAL SKILLS & LITERACY

Adults often lament “I wish I had learned this in school.” This course is designed to teach students about the basics of personal finance, including banking, budgeting, credit, interest rates, and student loans. Students will end the four weeks with a better understanding of the financial world that awaits them.

FORENSIC SCIENCE

Learn about the evidentiary aspects of solving crime scenes. DNA, fingerprints, shoe and tire impressions, crime scene photography, and sketching, as well as blood spatter, are just a few of the topics we explore. This course is not for the faint of heart. Real crime scenes depicting blood and injuries will be shown.

HEALTH SCIENCE

Students in this class will be equipped with the background knowledge of human anatomy and medical skills. In addition to classroom discussions and projects and guest speaker presentations, students will become CPR and first-aid certified by the end of the course.

I'M WITH THE BAND

The class is offered to experienced musicians and singers. Together, they will learn to play classic and modern rock songs in order to put on a concert during week four.

Important: I'm With the Band does not offer one-on-one instrument instruction; students should already have basic competency with their instrument.



IMPROV

This class creates a comfortable environment for everyone to learn the structured method of acting, and provides the confidence for you and your peers to put on your own improv show for the program!

KIDS 101: INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Go back to childhood to discover how children learn and develop! Through this hands-on learning techniques for early childhood and elementary aged children students will develop lesson plans and work with children on a field trip! This class is perfect if you see a future as a teacher, babysitter, or child care professional.

MARINE SCIENCE

Marine Science is a hands-on science course that focuses on marine biology of sea life as well as the physical aspects of the world's oceans. We'll even bring the ocean to us with our lab activities and animal dissections.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Each student in this class will get to experience what it is like to put on a full scale production with choreography, singing, lighting, and sound effects. After week four, you'll walk away with pride in your performance after all of the rave reviews of the M&M Show.

PAINTING AND DRAWING

A studio-style class that will provide instruction to improve painting and drawing techniques with different media. If you're a beginner you will have the chance to not only learn basic painting and drawing skills, but to develop them to a higher degree.



SPORTS & FITNESS

This class is designed to help students train and prepare for the upcoming sports seasons during the school year. In addition, students will spend some time in the classroom focusing on nutrition, mental health, and the sports industry.

PHYSICS LAB

This class will explore physical phenomena firsthand through experiments and fun group projects. Perfect for the student who wants to use the laboratory to make sense of the physical world around them.

SCIENCE FICTION: HISTORY & MEDIA

Join an exciting class that studies the history of Science Fiction publication while developing drawing and writing skills through the books, graphic novels, movies, television shows, and online media that fascinate worldwide.

SCULPTURE

Sculpture will teach you how to create artwork in 3-D space. Clay, paper, wire, and other materials will be used to work on a series of projects to further understanding of sculptural form. Sculpture is open to students of all abilities, but due to the lab equipment used, students should be prepared to commit to everyday safety procedures.

TELEVISION PRODUCTION

In a very hands-on course, students will learn about screenwriting, directing, interviewing and actually shooting television shows! Commercials, newscasts, game shows, and talk shows are the main projects for this exciting class.



THEATRE

This course will equip students with the confidence to understand devised theatre and build ensemble skills before hitting the stage. By being creative and bringing their individuality, the theatre production at the end of the summer will become the student-performer's favorite memory

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

Yoga is an ancient practice that helps connect the mind and body and incorporates breathing exercises, meditation, and poses which have been demonstrated to reduce the physical effects of stress on the body. Students will learn all of the main poses (asanas) and sequences (vinyasas) in yoga as well as how to implement a daily practice of yoga and mindfulness into everyday life. In today's world filled with endless screens, students will learn the importance of taking time to connect with oneself and unplug from all stressors.



ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

Students eligible to participate in the Advanced Studies Program are students in current grades 7, 8, 9 & 10. Students will be selected for the program on the basis of past achievement and school counselor or principal recommendation.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application must be accompanied by a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar non-refundable application fee. The 2024 tuition fee for the program is \$2250 for PCC District students and \$2850 for out-of-district students.

All applicants must submit the following:

1. Check or PayPal to cover the twenty-five (\$25.00) non-refundable application fee
2. Completed student application with essay online at pccasp.org/apply or enclosed application
3. School records

No student should apply for the Advanced Studies Program unless they are mature, responsible, and committed to be in residence for the entire four weeks. All applicants should be interested in diligent study, and be willing to follow the rules and regulations of the Program Code of Conduct.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Acceptance letters will be sent out once a month in January and February and twice a month for March, April and May.

Students who are accepted for the Program will be notified once application materials are processed. An initial deposit of \$250 MUST be received within ten (10) business days from the date of acceptance letter to confirm your acceptance and begin enrollment in PCC 2024 in addition to the submission and completion of a Participant Questionnaire. To complete your enrollment, we also require health information to ensure the health and safety of students attending PCC. The Student Health Information must be completed and submitted by parents or guardians and a physician and returned no later than May 31st.



TUITION FEES

Tuition	Tuition for Out-Of-District Students
\$2250	\$2850

The cost for students from PCC member districts is \$2250 with a \$25.00 application fee. For a list of PCC member districts please see the front inside cover of this catalog. The cost includes tuition, dormitory room, meals, activity fees, and an accident insurance premium. The tuition for out-of-district students is \$2850 with a \$25.00 application fee.

Local school guidance counselors should be contacted concerning the amount of financial assistance, if any, that local school committees provide.

Within ten (10) days of acceptance, a deposit of \$250.00 is required. Should a student withdraw from the Program after acceptance yet before the start of the Program on June 30th, the entire payment of \$250.00 will be non-refundable. **There will be no refunds once the program has begun.**

All students have the option of a five-month payment plan beginning in January 2024 and concluding in May 2024. In-district families can opt to make five (5) monthly payments of \$400; out-of-district families can opt to make five (5) monthly payments of \$520.

Half of the remaining tuition payment is due by **FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024.**

All parental balances must be paid in full by **FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024.**

Tuition payments can be paid through PayPal or mailed to PCC, Inc., Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357-6115.

FACILITIES AND HOUSING

Academic classes will be held in various buildings on the campus of Stonehill College. The college library may be available for class activities by appointment. Stonehill will provide spaces that will be available for recreation.

Because the program is intensive in nature, and in order to develop and improve social skills, students are required to live on campus in the assigned Residence Hall for the entire four weeks of the Program. Students will remain in residence Monday at 7:00 A.M. to Friday 12:30 P.M. Students may be picked up beginning at 12:30 P.M. on Fridays. All students must be picked up by 1:00 P.M.



STAFF

Direct supervision of the program will be by the Executive Director and Program Director of the Advanced Studies Program.

Dormitory supervision will be maintained at all times by the resident administrators, male and female floor leaders, and college proctors. Indoor and outdoor recreation supervision will be provided.

The teaching staff of the Advanced Studies Program is composed of college professors, professional teachers, and recent college graduates with expertise in their field. The faculty has been drawn from the supporting school districts and Stonehill College with respect to academic training, areas of interest, and experience with academically talented students.



MEDICAL INFORMATION

A healthcare provider will administer first aid, life support in the form of CPR, and/or call emergency personnel and transportation as deemed necessary and will be on site at all times the program is in session. In case of emergency, if parents cannot be reached, the student would be transported to the nearest emergency room and seen by the hospital physician. Parents shall be responsible for all expenses related to any illness or condition for which the student requires professional consultation or hospitalization. A premium to cover student accident insurance is included in the tuition.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

The Advanced Studies Program of Project Contemporary Competitiveness, Inc./ Stonehill College admits students without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, color, disability, creed, or national origin, to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities which it provides for or makes available to its students.

Further, the Program does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, color, disability, creed, or national origin in administration of its educational policies or its athletic and other school-administered programs. This same statement of policy applies also to the Program's personnel and employment policies.

The Code of Conduct can be found on our website: www.pccasp.org. It will be reviewed by the Floor Leader during student orientation the first day of the Program.

