



# PCCASP

project contemporary competitiveness  
advanced studies program

A Four Week Summer Program  
Conducted at Stonehill College  
Easton, MA

June 26-July 23, 2022

## MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1968, the aim of the Project Contemporary Competitiveness Advanced Studies Program is to provide an intellectually enriching, socially stimulating, affordable four-week residential summer program at the campus of Stonehill College in a friendly and supportive learning environment with a carefully constructed balance of freedoms and responsibilities for mature eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade high ability students who are open to the excitement of learning, and ready for a challenge.

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Sunday, June 26  
to  
Saturday, July 23, 2022

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## 2022 CALENDAR

\*\*Please follow PCC on Facebook and Instagram or consult our website for updates\*\*  
INFORMATION NIGHTS will be conducted on the campus of Stonehill College in December and January. Dates and times will be announced via our Social Media pages  
ORIENTATION MEETINGS will be conducted on the campus of Stonehill College in June.  
You will receive details by email in mid-May.

Friday, April 22	Half of tuition payment due
Friday, May 27	Final payment of tuition due
Sunday, June 26	Registration, Move-In, and Orientation Day
Monday, June 27	First Day of Classes
Thursday, June 30	Program Closes at 12:30PM
Tuesday, July 5	Program resumes at 8:00AM (Dormitories open at 7:00AM)
Friday, July 15	Classroom Visiting Day for Families 8:00-11:30AM
Friday, July 22	Culminating Activities
Saturday, July 23	Program closes at 10:00AM



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](http://www.pccasp.org) or using the application in the center of this booklet**

## DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:15 Breakfast	2:30 - 5:00 Independent Study, Field Trips, Recreational Activities, Course-Related Studies, Tutorial Sessions
8:30 - 10:10 First Period	
10:30 - 12:10 Second Period	
12:20 - 1:20 Lunch	
1:30 - 2:30 Study Hour/DownTime	5:00 - 6:00 Dinner
	6:30- Core Course
	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 2022- 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.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$30.00 Lab Fee.*

### ECO-PRINTING: ART, SCIENCE, AND NATURE

Capture the beauty of nature with the art of Eco Printing. Eco printing is a process where prints are made using the natural pigments, tannins and acids present in leaves, flowers and plants by combining them with mordants, moisture and heat on fabric and paper. Students will learn about the plants in their environment, then collect specimens, learn about mordants and experiment with printing their own works of art.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$65.00 Lab Fee.*

### 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.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*



### CREATIVE WRITING: PROSE & POETRY

Learn how to write a short story, a work of fiction, pen a poem, and explore a variety of other literary forms. The Advanced Studies Program literary magazine will showcase every student's best pieces. Aspiring novelists and novice writers alike will learn how to "paint their voice" and create writing that moves and inspires.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

### DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Explore the world of photography through fundamental camera operation and basic-to-advanced studio lighting skills for both portrait and still life. You'll end the program with hundreds of photos to remember your incredible summer!

*Requirement: DSLR camera (preferable) or point and shoot camera and memory card.*

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$90.00 Lab Fee.*

## **DIGITAL PRODUCT MANAGEMENT**

Digital Product Management is a rapidly growing field and an inclusive career path that manages software, mobile apps, and other digital experiences for retail, entertainment, and government entities. This course includes the basics of DPM and the product cycle, plus hands-on lessons in which students brainstorm a new product, test and validate it with their peers, and design a prototype.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$75.00 Lab Fee.*

## **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.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$55.00 Lab Fee.*



## **DRAWING**

Drawing is a studio-style class that will provide instruction to improve drawing concepts, techniques, and media. If you're a beginner you will have the chance to not only learn basic drawing skills, but to develop them to a higher degree. A trip to an art museum is included with this class. *Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$40.00 Lab Fee.*

## **HOW TO SAVE A LIFE**

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. *Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$50.00 Lab Fee.*

## **IMPROVE YOUR 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!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **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.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$45.00 Lab Fee.*



## **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; Drums, keyboards and amplifiers are provided.*

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$100.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MAKERSPACES: DISASSEMBLE, IMAGINE, CREATE**

Students will be challenged with open-ended, creative problems to solve, providing the flexibility to express themselves as artists, engineers, scientists or mathematicians. This will be a digital free zone that uses simple hand tools and soldering/hot glue guns to disassemble and reassemble recycled materials into new forms.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$45.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MARINE SCIENCE**

Marine Science is a hands-on science course that focus 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!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS & GLOBAL STUDIES**

In this course, students will develop skills in debating issues, negotiation with allies and enemies, creating solutions and drafting resolutions. Today's students are tomorrow's leaders!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$40.00 Lab Fee.*

## **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.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*



## **JOURNALISM AND PUBLISHING**

In this course, students will develop the skills to craft news stories through daily writing and editing with an aim toward publishing their work on the PCC Young Voices website, as well as producing the program yearbook, learning aspects of photography and layout, as well as computer programs like Adobe InDesign.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PCC SPORTS CENTER**

This course is designed for anyone who wants to learn about every role in the sports industry: player, coach, owner, broadcaster, and fan. You'll develop knowledge of all the professional league sports teams in New England, as well as the prominent high school and semi-professional teams in our region.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee*

## **PHYSICS & FUN**

This class will explore physical phenomena firsthand through experiments and fun group projects. Racing mousetrap cars and building paper roller coasters are some of the ways we will make sense of the physical world around us. Outside of the classroom, we'll even take a field trip to a scientific center of study

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*



## **PSYCHOLOGY**

See how the brain functions and activity relates to your life by exploring abnormal, developmental, social, and educational psychology, as well as topics like sensation and perception, consciousness, and diagnosis. Learn about dreams and discover career paths in the field of psychology that interest you.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PAINTING**

Whether you have any experience or not, this course is designed to be educational and enjoyable for you to achieve artistic growth in just six weeks. The best way to participate in this course is just to be creative and to be yourself! A trip to an art museum is included with this class.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$50.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PCC FITNESS CHALLENGE**

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 other areas of self-reflection.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$50.00 Lab Fee.*



## **REAL ROBOTS**

This course will give you all the preparation you need to build your very own robot! Get ready to compete in the Savage Soccer tournament, the Robo-Suma, and a PCC original obstacle course! This course is open to students of all levels and is completely hands-on.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$65.00 Lab Fee.*

## **RPG VIDEO GAME DESIGN**

This course will give students all the tools they need to design their own video games, learning how to use software to bring your creations to life! By the summer's end, you'll be able to share your game with your friends, both online and in real life.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$75.00 Lab Fee.*

## **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 there is a lot of lab equipment to be used, so be prepared to commit to everyday safety procedures.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$45.00 Lab Fee.*

## **SOCIOLOGY**

In this class we'll explore gender, families, aging, medicine, deviance, punishment, and global cultures. Students will use their personal perspectives in group settings such as PCC and school to further their understanding of sociology. If you're interested in psychology, you may also take an interest in how groups of people function!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **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. In addition, they will go on a field trip to a local TV station to see all of these techniques put to work. *Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*



## **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 four weeks will become the student-performer's favorite memory

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$45.00 Lab Fee.*

## **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.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*



## **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 guidance counselor or principal recommendation.

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Application must be accompanied by a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar non-refundable application fee. The 2022 tuition fee for the program is \$1900 for PCC District students and \$2050 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](http://pccasp.org/apply) or enclosed application

No student should apply for the Advanced Studies Program unless he or she is **COMMITTED TO BE IN RESIDENCE FOR THE ENTIRE FOUR WEEKS**, interested in diligent study, and is willing to follow the rules and regulations of the Program Code of Conduct.

## FACILITIES AND HOUSING

Academic classes will be held in various buildings on the campus of Stonehill College. The college library will be open to all students during their participation in the program. Athletic and recreational facilities will be available for recreation, including tennis courts, basketball courts, softball fields, and other areas.



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 Program Director, 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.

## TUITION AND FEES

In-District Student Tuition	Out-of-District Student Tuition
\$1900	\$2050

The cost for students from PCC member districts is \$1900 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. There is an additional \$150 fee for out-of-district students.

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

The PCC Alumni Organization also provides scholarships for students.

Please see [www.pccalumniorg.com](http://www.pccalumniorg.com) for more information.

Within ten (10) days of acceptance, a deposit of \$250.00 is required. Should a student withdraw from the Program after acceptance, yet before May 27th, \$125.00 of this deposit is non-refundable. Should the student withdraw after May 27th, yet before the start of the Program on June 26th, the entire payment of \$250.00 will be non-refundable.

All students have the option of a five-month payment plan beginning in January 2022 and concluding in May 2022. Families can opt to make five (5) monthly payments of \$330.

Half of the remaining tuition payment is due by **FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022**.

All parental balances must be paid in full by **FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022**.

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



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Rockland

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Taunton

Wareham

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“There is a great amount of praise I could award PCC, my home for two life-changing summers. On paper, PCC is simple: take two classes, play games all afternoon, and jam out with your friends at night. However, in reality, PCC becomes more than those elements. You pick up skills you could never learn so intensely at another camp. I have used what I have learned at PCC in everything from my regular classes at school to impressing job interviewers. And trust me, these classes are unlike any class you will ever attend at school. This camp introduces you to a whole new web of connections from all over Massachusetts, and I can guarantee you that the people you meet at PCC are the greatest people you will ever meet. You’ll sit with someone new one day at lunch, and the next thing you know you’re using your cell phone time to Snapchat them funny pictures. The bonds you make with your roommate, your friends, and your proctors will be unbreakable, and they will become the most treasured things in your life. At PCC, I grew in ways I never expected I could. My self-confidence skyrocketed; if you had told me two years ago I would give a speech in front of over three hundred people, I would have told you you were crazy. PCC is where miracles are born. Your view on life will alter, your future will boom, and you will change the way you define yourself. There is only one thing left to ask: have you finished filling out your application yet?”

-Ciara Lonergan, PCC '17 &'18