



AQUINAS COLLEGE
CONTINUING EDUCATION *for* ADULTS



Why now?

This probably isn't the first time you've considered continuing your education. But it is the right time. Aquinas was one of the first colleges in the nation to offer programs designed for adults. Over the past 35 years, we've grown and refined our adult programs to make getting the education you need easier and more manageable. We even offer personal assistance with program planning and scheduling of classes. Once you know all the facts about Aquinas, instead of, "Why now?" you'll be asking, "Why not?"

There's never been a better time to get ahead. And there's never been a better place for adult learners.

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Aquinas gives you more ways to continue your education.

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AQ allows you to learn at the speed of your own life. You can choose day, evening, and even Saturday classes. Our accelerated eight-week quadmester courses meet one evening a week, while directed study courses meet five times per semester on Saturdays. Of course, you may prefer traditional semesters or to create your own independent study project. At Aquinas, you can.

How long will it take to earn your degree? That's up to you. There are no time limits on learning at AQ. The majority of our CE students finish in two and a half to four years. But we've had students take as little as a year and a half and as much as 30 years! New classes begin every eight weeks, so you can continue your education right away.

Unlike many other adult education programs, CE at Aquinas allows you to skip a term if you need to and return when your schedule permits.

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While our most popular programs are business and education, CE at Aquinas offers more than 60 majors, 14 degree tracks, and professional certifications. All are taught by distinguished faculty who are both scholars and practitioners in their fields.

Earn a degree. Or learn for the joy of learning.

Aquinas professors come from all over the world and bring with them Ph.D.s from places like Emory, Syracuse, Georgetown, Duke, and Boston University. Thanks to our 14:1 student to faculty ratio, you'll get plenty of personalized attention.

Aquinas offers a true liberal arts education. Along the way you'll hone your skills as a communicator, a critical thinker, and most important, a person of conscience.

You can find a complete listing of programs of study on the back page of this folder.



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CE at Aquinas is a real college education that will prepare you for success in the real world. You'll find our graduates in boardrooms, classrooms, even operating rooms. At last count, 275 AQ grads were serving as corporate CEOs or presidents.

Nineteen out of 20 AQ graduates get into graduate programs. Nine out of 10 of our pre-med grads who apply to med school are accepted. And Aquinas has one of the highest teacher placement rates in the nation.

Do AQ grads get results? See for yourself.

Our graduates go on to jobs in some of the best firms, regionally and nationally: Autodie Corp., Blue Cross Blue Shield, Eenhorn Investments Management Group, Meijer, Inc., Saint Mary's Health Care, and Wolverine World Wide, just to name a few.



CE at Aquinas has a chapter of the prestigious Alpha Sigma Lambda national honor society for nontraditional adult students.



When it comes to cost, you may be (pleasantly) surprised.

Don't let fear of college costs stop you before you get started. Over 60 percent of AQ Continuing Education students receive financial assistance. Between federal and state grants, Stafford Loans, scholarships, employer tuition reimbursement, and a host of other programs, this investment in your future could cost a lot less than you'd imagine. And Aquinas makes financing your education even easier with multiple payment plans.

To learn more about financial assistance at AQ, call our financial aid office at (800) 678-9593 or (616) 632-2893 or visit www.aquinas.edu/financialaid. You may discover you can't afford NOT to go to Aquinas!

If you're ready to take your education to the next level, your Aquinas advisor can help you put your plans into action. New classes begin every eight weeks, so you can get started right away.

An AQ education makes all the difference in the world.

Applying to AQ Continuing Education is free. Simply fill out an online application at www.aquinas.edu/continuing or schedule an appointment to meet with a Continuing Education advisor at (800) 678-9593 or (616) 632-2866.

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Continuing Education at Aquinas is undergraduate coursework designed to fit the real lives of adult students.

Over 35 years ago, Aquinas College pioneered the whole idea of continuing education (CE) for adults. Today at AQ, you can take undergraduate-level courses to start or complete your bachelor's degree or purely for your own personal enrichment. Since the program began back in 1969, more than 4,500 students have earned their bachelor's or associate's degrees through CE at Aquinas.

While the program is geared for adult students with adult responsibilities, the educational standards are exactly what you'd expect from a traditional private liberal arts college. You can choose from more than 60 areas of study. Classes are taught in real classrooms by highly experienced professors. What you might not expect is that class schedules are extremely flexible. And AQ is surprisingly affordable. More than 60 percent of our CE students take advantage of financial assistance options ranging from grants to loans, scholarships, and payment plans. If you've been thinking about finishing your degree, advancing in your profession, or even changing careers, learn how Continuing Education at Aquinas can make all the difference in the world.

ONE OF AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES

Aquinas is listed as one of the nation's "Best Values" in *U.S. News & World Report's* survey of the country's top colleges.

Continuing Education at AQ has made all the difference for more than 4,500 adult students.

HISTORY. Aquinas was one of the first liberal arts colleges in the nation to offer educational programs designed specifically for adults. Since 1969, more than 4,500 students have graduated from our CE program. Aquinas was founded in 1886 by the Dominican Sisters. In 1931, it became the country's first coeducational Catholic college.

CAMPUS. Located in the heart of Western Michigan, just two miles from downtown Grand Rapids, Aquinas is a natural environment for learning. Our lush 107-acre campus was once a private country estate, with an English-style manor, carriage house, and terraced gardens. Recent additions include the newly opened Grace Hauenstein Library, a seven million dollar Performing Arts Center, the renovated Cook Carriage House (complete with the Moose Café coffee shop), and the Jarecki Center for Advanced Learning.

STUDENTS. As a Catholic college rooted in the Dominican tradition, we're known for our hospitality to students of all faiths. Our CE students range in age from their mid 20s well into the retirement years. Many are here to complete their undergraduate degrees, while others just have a lifelong love of learning.

The mission of Aquinas College is to provide a liberal arts education with a career orientation in a Catholic context to all students capable of profiting from such an education regardless of their gender, age, religion, ethnicity, racial background, or disability.

FACULTY. Of our 95 full-time professors, 100 percent are here because they love teaching. Sixty-five percent have earned top degrees in their fields, from such leading institutions as Duke, Georgetown, Boston University, and Purdue. AQ professors will have plenty of time to address your questions, thanks to our 14:1 student to faculty ratio.

LEARN AT YOUR OWN PACE. The majority of our students finish their degrees within two and a half to four years; but at Aquinas, you can take as long as you need. You can even take off for a semester or two if you need to and return when your schedule permits. New sessions begin every eight weeks and classes are available in a variety of formats designed to fit your life.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS. More than 60 percent of our Continuing Education students receive some sort of financial assistance, usually in the form of loans, grants, tuition reimbursement, and flexible payment plans. Talk to us about the types of financial assistance available. We'll do everything we can to make your education possible.

What they're saying about AQ:



Karen Palmore '89
Business Administration
Divisional Vice President
UBS Financial Services

"Aquinas is famous for catering to the adult learner. They take a personal interest in your success. And the CE program accommodates anyone's work schedule. If you have the motivation to take yourself and your career to the next level, there's no better place than Aquinas College."



Peter Albertini '94
Religious Studies
Real Estate Broker

"The curriculum was perfect. And it wasn't just a matter of the faculty knowing their stuff. They also inspire you to work toward your goal. They're better than good. They're fantastic."



Latanga Joseph '03
Communications
Desktop Application Specialist
Skadden Arps, LLP

"At Aquinas, I didn't just learn new things; I learned new ways of thinking. It's a very nurturing place, but that doesn't mean it's easy. They expect a lot out of you. But, you expect a lot from yourself. That's how it is at Aquinas. You just want to do more."



Paul Korte D.D.S.
Studying for high school
athletic trainer certification

"It can be intimidating to go back to school after being out for a long time. But the people at Aquinas made me feel right at home."

PROGRAMS OF STUDY.
Choose from over 60 majors
and 14 degrees.

Accounting

Accounting | Business Administration
Professional Accountancy

Art

Art | Business Administration
Ceramics
Drawing
New Genre
Painting
Photography
Printmaking
Sculpture
Studio Art

Biology

Business Administration
Business Administration
Business Administration | Communication
Business Administration | Sports Management
International Business
Management Marketing & Technology
Sustainable Business

Chemistry

Communication

Communication
Organizational Communication

Community Leadership

Computer Information Systems
Management Information Systems

Economics

Education

Elementary | Secondary Certification

English

Environmental Science
Environmental Studies

Geography

**Health, Physical Education,
and Recreation**

Athletic Coaching | Training
Exercise Science
Recreation-Administration Concentration
Teacher Training
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
with Concentration in Coaching

History

International Studies

Journalism | Publications

Mathematics

Mathematics | Computer Science

Medical Technology

Modern Languages

French | German | Japanese | Spanish

Music

Instrumental | Voice | Jazz | Liturgical
Instrumental Supervision

Nursing

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Pre-Engineering

Pre-Health

Pre-Law

Psychology

Human Development
Industrial | Organizational

Social Science

Sociology

Theatre

Theology

Urban Studies

Women's Studies

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