



Concord Carlisle
Adult & Community Education

Adult & Continuing Education
Driver Education
Instrumental Music School of Carlisle & Concord

Spring & Summer 2026



Dear Neighbor,

We have so many old favorite and new classes this spring! (And a few thrown in for the summer too.) From jewelry making to walking tours, sushi making to Wikipedia, and adult bike clinics to tackling AI, we have so much to try.

Don't forget to sign up early - we have many waitlists and are trying to get in as many students as possible. Even if the class is full, sign up for the waitlist - we may be able to add another session.

If you or someone you know needs help paying for our classes, we want to help! See details of how to apply on p.22. Do you have a skill or special knowledge you want to teach? We are always looking for new class ideas and new instructors.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

About Us



ADULT & YOUTH PROGRAMS
including...

- Armchair Travel
- College & Test Prep
- Village University & more!



DRIVER EDUCATION
Must be 15 yrs, 9 mo to start

- Convenient class & driving schedules
- Adult lessons
- Road test sponsorship



IMSCC

- Private lessons
- Choose 30-, 45- or 60-min lessons
- Open to students of all ages
- 16-week fall semesters
- Small group lessons for 1st & 2nd year players

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CCACE is a self-sustaining branch of Concord-Carlisle Public Schools, dedicated to lifelong learning for all ages. We connect local citizens through collaborative community outreach, classes and educational events. Our aim is to provide unique programming that will inspire joy and nurture passions.

Cover Art by Meg Packard, CCHS Class of 2028: Entitled "Reverie", this 24"x12" oil on canvas painting is intended to capture the calming, almost meditative process that creating art is for Meg. The spiral composition and background show the hypnosis-like state that art induces.

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Armchair Travel



Armchair Travel is a series of presentations on travel from community members, sharing stories and pictures of travels near & far!

- All sessions are on Mondays at 7 pm on zoom
- You must register in advance to receive the link

Do you have travel stories to share? We want to hear from you!
Contact us at ace@concordps.org

Scandinavia: Vikings, Fjords, and the World's Happiest People! with Samantha Mandell

We've all heard of Norway and Denmark—but do you know how these two neighboring kingdoms, so close yet so different, helped shape the story of Scandinavia? How Norway's Ice Age carved fjords and soaring mountains while Denmark ended up with gentle coastlines and seafaring lowlands? Or how Viking-age explorers from both nations left their mark across Europe? Beyond the history, how did modern-day Norwegians and Danes end up as world leaders in sustainability and design and, supposedly, the world's happiest people? From runestones to hygge to cycling culture, join Samantha, an experienced Scandinavian guide, for a lively exploration of these two captivating nations!

Mo | Mar 16 | 7-8 pm | Online

A 5th Quarter Adventure in Hawaii with Alex Hooven

Alex will share her journey through Hawaii from the perspective of a CCHS student traveling with her amazing schoolmates. The trip was one week long and took place during Quarter 5, the last week of school in June. It was shorter than Alex and her friends hoped, but they definitely did not miss any sights, action, or energy! Not only did this trip teach Alex about the beauties of our world, but it also taught her a lot about the people around her and even more about independence.

Mo | Apr 6 | 7-8 pm | Online

A Journey to Experience Awe: Scuba Diving with Dawn Eriksen-Stapleton

Come listen to a journey of awe through scuba diving around the world. Meet some incredible underwater creatures like the wonderpus octopus, the giant grouper, and the colorful nudibranchs. Photos and anecdotes about the incredible world underwater will be shared, including fun scientific facts! Hopefully you can walk (or swim) away with your own sense of awe for this world.

Mo | Apr 13 | 7-8 pm | Online

CCACE is proud to offer Armchair Travel for no charge to the community.

Consider giving to our scholarship fund.

Each year, CCACE awards more than \$15,000 in scholarships to community members for CCACE programs.

Visit concordcarlisle.org/donate or select the option when registering.



Travel Adventures in 2026!

Samantha Trips grew out of Samantha's desire to bring people together and craft travel adventures with personal attention, thoughtful service, and a rich community experience. Founded in June 2022, Samantha Trips have been hotly in demand and expanded rapidly!

- Hidden Gems of Scandinavia: A Norway & Denmark Adventure: Aug 10 – 20 - Join the waitlist!
- Iceland 2.0: Pufflings & the Western Reaches: Aug 25 – Sep 4
- Iceland: A Northern Lights & Ring Road Tour: Oct 1 – 9
- Spirit of Sicily: Sea, Soul, & Sun: Oct 14-24

For details, visit samanthatrips.com or email samantha@samanthatrips.com.



ACT/SAT Practice Tests

Our low-stakes, simulated Test Day environment fosters familiarity and confidence, helping students to be better prepared for their admissions testing. Students taking the adaptive test will gain familiarity with the structure and content of the new SAT, and our detailed score reports will help guide students in deciding whether the SAT or ACT is the best fit for their academic goals. Tests are administered with standard timing. Any students who qualify for accommodations, including extended time, should contact Open Door Education directly to discuss options for a practice test.

ACT Practice Test

- Sa | Mar 21 | 9 am-12:30 pm | CCHS | \$30
- Sa | May 30 | 9 am-12:30 pm | AB Admin Bldg | \$30
- Sa | Aug 22 | 9 am-12:30 pm | AB Admin Bldg | \$30

SAT Practice Test

Prepare for success on the digital SAT! Students should plan to bring a fully-charged laptop and a charger. If you do not have a laptop, one will be provided.

- Sa | Apr 25 | 9-11:30 am | AB Admin Bldg | \$30
- Sa | May 16 | 9-11:30 am | CCHS | \$30
- Sa | Aug 8 | 9-11:30 am | AB Admin Bldg | \$30

SAT ADVANCED Bootcamp

This class is intended for students who have previously scored at least 1300 on the SAT. Students will focus on the most challenging question types, the most advanced content areas, and the most important strategies for high-scoring students. This class will provide rigorous practice for the Reading/Writing as well as the Math section of the SAT.

- 4 Tu & 4 Th | May 12-Jun 4 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$675

How a Gap Year Can Pave the Way to an Intentional Future

Thinking about a gap year? The right plan can help students build independence, gain clarity, and enter college with confidence. Julia Rogers, internationally recognized gap year expert and former president of the Gap Year Association and Margaret Szegvari, career educator and consultant, will help you understand gap year opportunities, college deferment and reapplication, financing strategies, and how to design a meaningful experience. Whether you're deep in planning or just getting started, we will give you the insights to make the best choice for your family.

- Tu | Mar 31 | 7-8 pm | Online

*Sign up for both & save!
\$850 for both Bootcamps*

SAT Bootcamp: Reading/Writing

This section tests your ability to comprehend challenging texts, your knowledge of the rules of English grammar, and your ability to construct well-crafted arguments. Learn smart, intuitive strategies that help improve your accuracy while managing your time effectively. We will cover the full scope of question types in the Reading section and review all of the grammar rules that you need to know for test day.

- Tu, We, Th | Apr 21-23 | 10 am-12 pm | Online | \$475
- Tu, We, Th | Aug 11-13 | 10 am-12 pm | Online | \$475

SAT Bootcamp: Math

The Math section covers a wide range of content and you need to be prepared to answer questions from across the full spectrum of math you have learned. We will review the core content that you need to know, learn dynamic strategies that help you answer even the most difficult questions, and develop the ability to recognize common patterns in how the SAT attempts to create difficulty so that you are well-prepared.

- Tu, We, Th | Apr 21-23 | 1-3 pm | Online | \$475
- Tu, We, Th | Aug 18-20 | 10 am-12 pm | Online | \$475

All students will receive Open Door Education's guide to the Reading/Writing and/or Math sections of the SAT, as well as one free practice test.

Get It Done

This four-day program helps students who are applying to college in the fall complete their applications. Students will work to complete their Common Applications, their primary college essays, and any additional supplemental essays. They receive one-to-one feedback on their applications each day from the Get it Done faculty. Get it Done is led by Alison Furey Nowicki, PhD, and Rebecca Britten Loprete, PhD who work closely with the seniors throughout the year. Alison has been a guidance counselor at CCHS since 2004 and has served as the Guidance Department Chair since 2009. Bee has been an English teacher at CCHS since 2000 and chaired the English Department from 2008-2012.

- Mo-Th | Aug 10-13 | 9 am-12 pm | CCHS | \$650



Village University, established in 2003, was inspired by Elliot and Alma Ring, and offers courses for mature learners who are seeking stimulating study and conversation about interesting topics. The courses are taught by academics, scholars, and educational leaders who volunteer to share their knowledge and inspire others. Our volunteer instructors bring the best university-level learning experiences to our community and CCACE is thrilled to be able to offer these programs to our community members.

Payment for the Village University Programs is voluntary and we welcome everyone. The requested donation is \$75 per person for the first course and \$45 per person for each additional Village University course per semester or the shorter 1-2 session courses.

CCACE is self-funded through the programs it offers. Donations received from our programs help us maintain, promote, and provide scholarship opportunities for CCACE.

Women Artists: What They've Accomplished and Why it Matters

Nancy Baker

It has been a long road for women artists to become recognized and valued today nearly on a level with men. For centuries women worked behind the scenes developing tapestries and illuminating manuscripts before training in the workshops of their fathers to paint portraits or miniatures. Finally in the 17th century a few groundbreaking women defied the dictates of the art world. We will look at women whose careers rewrote art history. You'll meet women you know well like Artemisia Gentileschi, Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe, and others you may not know like Clara Peters, Judith Leyster, Rosa Bonheur and Hilma af Klint. This is the history of art seen through women's eyes.

- 5 Mo | Apr 27-Jun 1 | 10-11:30 am | Online

Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida

Dale Landis

David Bevington writes that this play "speaks to our modern condition with vivid if dismaying relevance." It is rich in comedy, but the comedy is dark and satirical. The Trojan War is at a stalemate after many years, the most famed Greek soldier arrogantly refuses to fight, a pimp manages a romantic love affair. The leaders verbally promote lofty ideals of social order, reason, honor and fidelity which are not achieved but debunked by the actual events. The raving commentator Thersites sums it up: "Here is such juggling, such knavery. All the argument is a whore and a cuckold." The course will begin with background: the Trojan War, the Elizabethan doctrine of order, Shakespeare's literary and social context. Then we will go through the play scene by scene - reading selected key passages and discussing language, performance, characters, and themes. You should have an edition of the play with helpful notes. (Folger is excellent and affordable).

- 6 Th | Apr 16-May 21 | 3-4:30 pm | Online

Law for Non-Lawyers

Pamela Talbot

"The Law" is defined as: the system of rules which a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties, i.e. "they were taken to court for breaking the law".

That 'system of rules', also known as 'the law', can sometimes seem like a quagmire or a maze, especially if a person is unfamiliar with its fundamental terms and tenets. Join us for a discussion of the basics that underlie the general genesis, passage, imposition, and enforcement of the law. Familiarize yourself with the practical application of basic terms like 'due process', 'jurisdiction', 'equitable relief', and 'standards of proof'. Understand better what is common law, statutory law, agency law, and what are the limits therein. Demystify the difference among administrative, civil, and criminal tribunals, and how the law is enforced in each of those forums.

- 2 Th | Apr 9 & 16 | 10:30 am-12 pm | Keyes Rd Conf Rm

The Supreme Court: My Experience – Preparing and Presenting

Douglas Wilkins

It is one thing to follow the Supreme Court from a comfortable distance, reading its opinions and following its rulings. It is another to appear in front of the 9 justices. The experience is a rare opportunity that requires the highest level of preparation and rigor. Using a power point and audio clips, Doug will share his experience in 1994 representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts before the "Rehnquist/Scalia Supreme Court" in *West Lynn Creamery v. Healey*. In that case, West Lynn Creamery challenged a state rule that taxed purchases of milk in Massachusetts to generate a revenue stream dedicated to preserving Massachusetts dairy farms. He will also discuss how his experience 30 years ago compares with litigation today in the "Roberts Court."

- Tu | Apr 28 | 10-11:30 am | Newbury Court

Computers & Digital Life

Google Drive

Howard Loewinger

Learn about Google Drive which is Google's answer to Microsoft Office. Google Drive is free, there is no software to install on a computer, and you can access the Drive apps and your files from any Internet connected computer or mobile device. We will look at Drive as an alternative for file storage as we learn how to create, edit and upload Office and other files into Drive. We will learn how easy it is to share files with others and take a look at using Drive on both a computer and mobile devices. We will focus on the word processing (Docs), spreadsheet (Sheets) and presentation (Slides) apps. Note: To use Google Drive you must have a Google account. (Gmail users already have a Google account).

2 We | Apr 1 & 8 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$65

Cybersecurity: Staying Safe Online

Howard Loewinger

Learn about various aspects of cybersecurity and how to keep yourself and your computer and mobile devices safe online. We will cover how you can be tracked online, and how to avoid it. We'll talk about privacy settings in your browser and how to browse the web anonymously; take a look at the current most common online scams and discover ways to protect yourself from them; and address antivirus software for both PCs and Macs, as well as mobile devices. Learn how to determine if your computer or mobile device may have a virus and get specific recommendations for packages that can prevent viruses. We will also talk about email safety (phishing and spoofing) and share tips on how to manage your passwords and shop safely online.

Mo | Apr 13 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35

AI Essentials Workshop: Learn How to Use GenAI Tools to Make Life Easier

Kim McCormick, The AI Collective Team

Unlock serious productivity gains in this hands-on lab designed for adults new to GenAI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude. You'll build the AI fluency needed to compound your effectiveness every day through smart tool selection, strategic prompting, and seamless workflow integration. You'll also master privacy safeguards to innovate without risk, freeing up hours for what matters most. By the end, you'll have a personalized AI command center and the techniques to evolve with advancing tools. A laptop or tablet is recommended for hands-on practice. *No class 4/23.*

3 Th | Apr 9-30 | 6:30-8 pm | ABHS | \$135

AI Advantage Workshop: Beyond the Basics-Level Up Your AI Use

Kim McCormick, The AI Collective Team

Ready to move past basic brainstorming? This hands-on workshop is for those who know the basics and want to turn GenAI into a genuine partner. You'll master multi-step prompting, create custom GPTs or Gemini Gems, and use AI to tackle complex strategic challenges. You'll leave with a personalized workflow designed to save time, sharpen decisions, and lighten your load. Perfect for AI Essentials graduates or experienced users wanting to work faster and more creatively. A laptop or tablet is recommended for practice.

3 Th | May 7-21 | 6:30-8 pm | ABHS | \$185

Participate when you want

Log in when it's convenient for you! The online classroom is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are no live real-time requirements or meetings.

Advanced Excel Functions

Take your Excel skills to the next level. Go beyond what others know, equipping you with advanced functions to efficiently analyze and manipulate data. Explore the advantages of these functions in various contexts, enhancing your productivity and data insights.

Apr 6-May 1 | Online | \$195

The Basics of Bookkeeping

Whether you are looking to advance in your career, or you're an entrepreneur, we will help you if you are looking to understand the numbers. Learn how to record, every penny that comes into and goes out of your business. Create a chart of accounts that meet your needs. Even if you outsource your bookkeeping, you should still have a basic understand of what happens in your business.

May 4-29 | Online | \$195



Scholarships are available for CCACE programs

Apply online at concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

Computers & Digital Life



Canva for Beginners

Unlock a world of creative possibilities with Canva, the ideal digital tool for beginners and novices! Learn to harness the power of Canva, the easiest design website available, all for free. You'll learn to create stunning designs from scratch or use templates with step-by-step guidance for any digital image you need. Whether it's online documents, business cards, email signatures, or more, you'll leave this class with the confidence and skills to use Canva effectively and creatively.

• Tu | Mar 24 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

• Tu | May 19 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Canva Power Hour: Advanced Tricks that Save You Time!

Take your Canva skills to the next level with advanced techniques and hidden features that will streamline your design workflow. If you are already familiar with Canva basics and want to discover time-saving shortcuts, professional design hacks, and tools that make creating stunning graphics effortless, this is perfect for you! Leave with insider tips that will transform how you approach design projects and cut your creation time in half.

Tu | May 7 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

This 2 hour more in-depth class includes a comprehensive workbook:

Th | Jul 9 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$65

Fast-Track to Social Media Marketing for Business

Take your business to new heights with our fast-paced, comprehensive session designed to equip business owners, entrepreneurs, and marketing professionals with the essential skills and strategies needed to leverage social media for business success. Learn how to effectively reach your target audience, increase brand awareness, and drive engagement across major social media platforms.

Th | May 14 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Practical ChatGPT Training for Everyone

Have you been curious about what ChatGPT is exactly and how it can be used? Learn everything you need to know about ChatGPT powered by Artificial Intelligence. Understand how it works and why it's taking the world by storm. Explore practical everyday uses for ChatGPT in both the workforce and at home, ensuring you stay in the loop when ChatGPT is mentioned in conversations and on the news. Don't get left behind in today's tech-savvy world - attend this essential training today!

• Tu | Mar 17 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

• Tu | May 12 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

Canva Academy for Business

Are you tired of spending hours trying to create graphics for your business, only to feel frustrated with the results in Canva? Learn how to design professional-looking social media posts, flyers, and marketing materials using only the free version of Canva with no design experience required. You'll learn the exact tools, shortcuts, and strategies that make creating beautiful visuals quick and stress-free. Leave with the skills and confidence to create graphics that attract customers and make your business look polished and professional.

Th | Jun 11 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

ChatGPT Powerhouse: Advanced Tips!

Unlock the full potential of ChatGPT in this dynamic one-hour masterclass designed for users ready to move beyond the basics. You'll discover advanced prompting techniques like system instructions, multi-shot examples, and chain-of-thought reasoning to get dramatically better results. Learn insider strategies for customizing outputs, managing context, and leveraging ChatGPT for complex tasks including analysis, creative projects, and professional workflows. Walk away with expert-level techniques to transform ChatGPT into a true powerhouse for your specific needs.

Th | Jun 18 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35

One-Hour Instagram Mastery for Business

Curious about how Instagram can drive significant growth for your customer base and sales? This engaging beginner-level class has the answers you need to grow your business with Instagram. Discover the key steps to boost your company's bottom line. Plus, learn to create irresistible content and have fun along the way! Join us to unlock the potential of Instagram for your business.

Th | Jul 23 | 1-2 pm | Online | \$35



More summer dates are coming - check on our website!

Meet the Instructor



Nickie Welsh is a seasoned technology educator dedicated to empowering adults and seniors to harness digital tools that enhance their daily lives. Through her work, Nickie bridges the gap between complex digital innovations and everyday usability, ensuring that learners of all backgrounds can engage with technology in positive, productive ways.

Creative Arts

Digital Photography I

Fran Blaschke

Are you disappointed by the images you get with your fancy digital SLR or MIRRORLESS camera? Are you intimidated by the innumerable buttons, dials and menus on your camera? This workshop can help! We will demystify your digital camera, giving you a strong foundation in understanding and using the basic functions. Proper exposure (aperture, shutter speed, ISO), histogram, white balance, camera shooting modes and focusing modes, lenses, digital file types, file resolution and other fundamental digital camera controls will be covered. Through weekly lectures, demonstrations and assignments, you will gain essential photographic knowledge and develop a comfort with your camera, helping you to make better images and get the most out of your modern digital camera. You must have a digital SLR or MIRRORLESS camera with adjustable exposure settings and the owner's manual for your camera. *No class 4/23, 4/30.*

8 Th | Apr 2-Jun 4 | 6-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$179

Digital Photography II

Fran Blaschke

We will build on the foundation from Digital Photography I as we start by reviewing the basics and then moving on to more fundamentals. You will continue to develop your photography skills as you become more comfortable with the functions of your digital cameras. In addition to learning new technical skills – including additional camera functions and an introduction to the use of flash - we will address the visual elements of making images, helping you elevate your skills from taking snapshots to making photographs. Discussions include: identifying and isolating the subject, elements of composition, and effective use of color in your photographs. Weekly critique sessions address technical and aesthetic considerations as you are challenged to make conscious decisions as you use your cameras. Interactive classroom sessions as well as shooting and imaging assignments will provide a deeper understanding of the tools and techniques available to them within digital photography. *No class 4/22, 4/29.*

8 We | Apr 1-Jun 3 | 6-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$179

Knit a Jumbo Chunky Throw Blanket

Joy Spadafora

Get ready to cozy up this winter with a handmade jumbo chunky throw blanket—perfect for draping over your lap or snuggling under on chilly nights. In this fun, hands-on workshop, you'll design and knit a soft and stylish throw using only your hands—no needles or prior knitting experience needed! Discover the calming rhythm of this technique as you relax, unwind, and create something warm, beautiful, and functional to enjoy all year long. Please purchase the materials needed ahead of time and bring them with you. See online description for a list of suggested resources & yarns. *NOTE: One skein of Bernat Blanket Big yarn (32 yds) makes a 27" x 27" lap-sized piece. 4-5 skeins makes a blanket measuring 4 x 5 feet. If you want to make a larger blanket, please purchase more yarn.

Th | Mar 12 | 6:30-9 pm | CCHS | \$59



Pysanky: Combine Traditional and Drop-Pull Methods

Alona Popova

Explore two distinct methods of Pysanky artistry: the Traditional wax-resist method and the Drop-Pull technique. We will begin by learning the Traditional method, using a "kistka," beeswax, and vibrant dyes to create traditional designs. Then, we'll explore the Drop-Pull method (Lemko-style), where molten wax is applied using a pin-head and pulled to form elegant patterns. Perfect for beginners and seasoned Pysanky enthusiasts alike. **A \$15 materials fee is due to Alona at class.**

Th | Mar 19 | 6-9 pm | ABHS | \$39

Creative Arts

Silver Jewelry Making

Hilary Taylor

Local jewelry maker Hilary Taylor will teach you to make your own unique design using Metal Clay, an organic binder that is embedded with fine silver. You make your piece with the clay capturing textures and designs. The pieces are then fired in a kiln and during the firing process the clay burns off and you are left with your piece in silver. You will have enough clay to make a pendant and a pair of earrings, or you may choose to use all your material for one piece.

Th | Apr 7 | 7-9 pm | CCHS | \$195 (includes materials)



Oyster Shell Jewelry Tray

Emily Law

These trendy shell trays are the perfect coastal decor accent for your home, a great way to store your jewelry or a fabulous gift! Start with a local oyster sourced from Cape Cod beaches and turn it into a colorful trinket dish, with more than 25+ different colorway options. Learn the process of decoupage and each shell. The perfect way to remember summer all year! **A \$15 materials fee is due to Emily at the class.**

We | May 6 | 7-8 pm | CCHS | \$35

We love hearing from students:

"Emily is a wonderful teacher, full of information, very organized, clear and patient. My friend and I got inspired, she ordered some prepped shells, and we've been cranking them out for gifts!! They look amazing!"

"As always, Kristen leads a wonderful class! It's fun, approachable and great for all levels. I've taken several classes with Kristen at CCACE and just compared my work vs last fall, and while I still have lots to learn, I can see a vast improvement!"

Jewelry Making: It's a Wrap!

Christine Evans

Create a contemporary bracelet you'll get all wrapped up in! If you've seen the high fashion "Chan Luu" bracelets selling for \$190 or more, you'll be excited to learn that you can make your own – with your own designer touch. Learn basic laddering techniques to combine leather cording, glass beads, crystals or semi-precious stones, and a button closure to make a stunning statement piece. We will discuss bead selection, material sizing, and thread extension methods. No experience required. **A \$20 materials fee is due to Christine at the class.**

We | Apr 1 | 6:30-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$35



Basic Beading II: Trendy TILAs

Christine Evans

Explore the modern elegance of TILA beads in this beginner-friendly jewelry-making class. These flat, rectangular, two-hole beads add sculptural dimension and contemporary flair to your designs. Create two or three coordinated pieces while learning techniques for bead stringing, layout design, and secure finishing. Choose from a curated selection of colors to make your jewelry playful and whimsical or sleek and sophisticated—your style, your way. We'll cover essential tools, materials, and design tips, plus how to work with TILAs for maximum visual impact. Whether you're new to jewelry-making or looking to try something fresh and fashion-forward, you'll leave with beautiful handmade pieces and the skills to keep creating. **A \$20 materials fee is due to Christine at the class.**

We | Apr 8 | 6:30-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$35



Don't wait!

Sign up NOW for the class you want!

Some classes fill quickly. If there is a wait list, there's no fee to join the list and we often have enrollment changes or add more sections.

We decide if a class is running a week before its start date and your registration can make the difference.



Meet our instructors!

View bios and photos on our website: concordcarlisleace.org/instructor-bios

Driver Education

Driver education promotes and teaches safe driving attitudes, develops defensive driving skills, and respect for the rules of the road. It prepares students for the RMV license exam and it strives to prevent or reduce accidents and fatalities that involve young drivers.

Driver Education age requirements

- 15 years, 9 months: The minimum age you must be on **the first day** of class per RMV regulations
- 16 years: You are now eligible to obtain a Learner's Permit and drive with an adult
- 16 1/2 years: If you have had your permit for 6 months AND completed Driver Education, you are eligible to take your road test
- 18 years: You are now eligible to take your road test *without* a Driver Education Certificate

Steps to complete Driver Education:

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Parent Class:

\$35 If your child is attending another Driver Education program

We will cover your responsibilities, your child's responsibilities, and review our program's policies. Hear tips and hints on how to teach a new driver and review laws that have changed in the last 10-20 years. While we welcome both parents to attend, only one parent is required to complete the class. You must attend the RMV-mandated class **before** your child is allowed to begin driving lessons with an instructor.

- We | Mar 11 | 7-9 pm | Online
- Th | Apr 9 | 7-9 pm | Online
- Mo | May 4 | 7-9 pm | Online
- Tu | Jun 2 | 7-9 pm | Online
- We | Jul 8 | 7-9 pm | Online

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Classroom:

30 classroom hours divided into 15 2- hour modules

You do not need your permit to start class, but you must be 15 years, 9 months
All classes are in-person at CCHS

Saturday classes:

- Sa | Mar 14-Apr 11 | 9 am-3:30 pm | \$895

5-day classes:

- Tu-Sa | Apr 21-25 | 9 am-3:30 pm | \$895
- Mo-Fr | Jun 22-26 | 9 am-3:30 pm | \$895
- Mo-Fr | Jul 6-10 | 9 am-3:30 pm | \$925
- Mo-Fr | Jul 27-31 | 9 am-3:30 pm | \$925
- Mo-Fr | Aug 17-21 | 9 am-3:30 pm | \$925

Note: If you are not able to attend Module 1 (first 2 hours), you must transfer to another class.

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Driving Lessons:

12 hours of lessons, 6 hours of observation

Send us a photo of your permit once you get it so we can activate your account to schedule driving time. Lessons are offered after school, weekends and during school vacations.



You must complete 12 hours of behind-the-wheel lessons and 6 hours of observation, in addition to a minimum of 40 hours of practice at home.

Scholarships are available for Driver Education! See page 22 for more details.

Apply online: concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

Creative Arts



Watercolor Wonders:

A Journey Through Nature's Palette

Kristen Callahan

Dive into the vibrant world of watercolor painting in our exciting class. Perfect for beginners and seasoned artists alike, Kristen will guide you through painting stunning florals, captivating still lifes, and breathtaking landscapes while mastering techniques like wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry. Enjoy hands-on practice and a supportive atmosphere as you blend colors, create textures, and unleash your creativity. Join us for an inspiring journey that will bring your artistic vision to life. *No class 4/22.*

6 We | Apr 8-May 27 | 7-9 pm | CCHS | \$225

Rolling with Watercolor

Kristen Callahan

Unwind and have fun in this mindful watercolor class! Using marbles, vibrant colors, and soothing music, you'll create playful patterns and explore movement on paper. This relaxing, hands-on experience is all about enjoying the process, letting go, and discovering your creativity.

Th | Mar 26 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Tiny Towns in Watercolor

Kristen Callahan

Build your own mini city in this playful one-night watercolor workshop! Start with bright, colorful watercolor shapes, then add cute houses, shops, and streets with markers. Perfect for beginners, this class is all about fun, creativity, and leaving with a cheerful little city you'll love.

Th | Apr 9 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$39

Paint your Pet!

Kristen Callahan

Bring a photo of your furry (or feathered!) friend and learn how to capture their personality with watercolor. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned painter, you'll be guided through simple steps to bring your beloved pet to life with the stroke of a brush.

Th | Jun 4 | 7-9 pm | CCHS | \$39

Explore & Play

Mah Jongg: A Beginner's Guide

Michele Bouchard & Laurie Probst

There's a reason your grandmother loved this game, and you will too. Mah Jongg is a strategic tile-based game that uses "suits" like rummy. It's complicated and addictive, so learn the rules, play once, and you'll want to play again and again. Join us to learn its basic moves and the strategies you need to win. Note: Please bring a current Mah Jongg standard or large size card. Order from "The Store" link at nationalmahjong-league.org. *No classes weeks of 4/20, 4/27.*

• Michele: 6 Tu | Apr 7-May 26 | 4-6 pm | CCHS | \$195

• Laurie: 6 Th | Apr 9-May 28 | 4-6 pm | CCHS | \$195

• Laurie: 6 Th | Apr 9-May 28 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$195

Mah Jongg Play

Laurie Probst

If you already know how to play but are looking to meet new friends and expand your circle, join us! We have space for you to play and meet new friends and Laurie is there to help with questions along the way. Don't forget to bring along your sets and 2026 card if you have them available. *No class 4/23, 4/30.*

• 6 Th | Apr 9-May 28 | 4-6 pm | CCHS | \$75

• 6 Th | Apr 9-May 28 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$75

Backyard Bird Song Identification

Michele Grzenda

Have you ever wondered if that "tweet" is from a cardinal or a chickadee? Join this class to learn the language spoken by our feathered friends. Our birding expert Michele will start with a few basic bird songs as a reference, then add to your repertoire with repetition and practice. You'll learn the types of sound birds make and why they make them, and explore common bird songs heard in MA. Each class will focus on approximately 10-15 different birds.

2 Th | May 7 & 14 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$49

Spring Bird Walk

Michele Grzenda

Get outdoors and learn to identify 25 species commonly found in our neighborhoods, wetlands, and forests. Michele will point out various field identification techniques by sight and sound. This easy-to-moderate walk is designed for beginner and intermediate bird watchers. While we can never guarantee that you'll see a particular species, you'll enjoy getting outside and exploring a local area. Note: Bring a pair of binoculars, flashlight, bug spray, and a field guide, if you have one. We'll go in light rain, so wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Directions will be emailed to you.

• Tu | May 19 | 7-9 am | at North Bridge Visitor Center | \$39

• Mo | Jun 1 | 6-8 pm | at North Bridge Visitor Center | \$39

• Fr | Jun 5 | 7-9 am | at College Pond | \$39

Explore & Play

For Adult Bike Clinics:

Check to ensure your bicycle is in good, working order (Air in the tires, operating brakes and chain, & gear shifters adjusted and lubricated.) Wear comfortable clothes for biking and bring a bike helmet, water bottle and sunscreen. If you have an e-bike, it must be a Class 1 e-bike to participate in this program.

Adult Bike Clinic: It's never too late to learn to ride!

Phil Posner

Biking is a great form of exercise and transportation for all ages, and even adults can learn to ride. Led by League of American Bicyclists certified trainers, you will:

- Learn how to safely get on and off a bicycle
- Master the balance that makes biking possible
- Learn the new Rules of the Road and how to bike safely and confidently on streets and bike paths
- Learn and practice riding on a traffic-free course
- Leave with a "Smart Cycling Quick Guide"

Rain date 6/7.

Sa | Jun 6 | 10-11:30 am | CCHS | \$59

Adult Bike Clinic: Get Back on Your Bike!

Phil Posner

Biking is a great form of exercise and transportation for all ages. If you haven't ridden a bike in a while, or want to refresh your safe biking techniques, this clinic will give you the skills to ride with confidence! Led by League of American Bicyclists certified trainers, you will:

- Learn basic bike maintenance tips
- Understand the new Rules of the Road for bikes and cars
- Learn to handle your bike safely on streets and bike paths
- Practice safe cycling maneuvers on a traffic-free course
- Leave with a "Smart Cycling Quick Guide".

We will follow the clinic with a short group ride so that you can practice your skills on quiet neighborhood streets. *Rain date 5/17.*

Sa | May 9 | 10 am-12:30 pm | CCHS | \$59

Adult Dodgeball (Open Play)

Rachel Berg, Bedford Rec

Adult Dodgeball is back this spring! Whether you joined us last session or are a brand new dodger, join us for your weekly dose of fun! Rachel will lead you through some classic and new dodgeball games that will bring out your competitive spirit while keeping things lighthearted and social. Grab your sneakers, rally your friends, and let's play dodgeball! This program is designed for all skill levels. Teams will be made weekly if the game requires it. Join us for a 'social hour' at a local spot at the end of the night! Not ready to commit to the full session? *Drop-in when you can and pay \$2 (cash) each visit. *No class 4/23.*

8 Th | Apr 2-May 28 | 7:30-9 pm | John Glen MS, Bedford | \$10



Disc Golf Saturdays

Bedford Rec

Get out and explore the local Disc Golf offerings with Rachel this spring. We will visit some of the 9-hole courses set up around the local towns, starting with more open layouts and making our way into wooded areas. Whether you are new to the sport or an experienced player, join us for a great time. Discs will be available to borrow if you don't have your own. Courses take 1-1.5 hours to play the full 9, but you are welcome to stay and run it again for a full 18. We will meet each week at the designated course. *No class 5/23.*

- May 2 - Bedford VA (Bedford)
- May 9 - Bridge School Boy Scout Course (Lexington)
- May 16 - Vietnam Veterans Park (Billerica)
- May 30 - Simonds Park (Burlington)

4 Sa | May 2-30 | 2-3 pm | \$10

JOYful Kayaking

Joy Spadafora

Enjoy the company of like-minded kayak enthusiasts during the extended daylight of early summer. Relax & unwind with the quiet calm of the water for this series of evening paddles. Observe an abundance of wildlife, gaze at the sunsets, and meet some new kayak companions. You must supply your own kayak, paddle, and PFD. Bring water, a simple dinner or snack, and a positive attitude. Starting locations will be sent via email each week and will include Concord, Carlisle, and surrounding towns. Come join the paddling party!

5 We | Jun 24-Jul 22 | 6:15-8:15 pm | \$89

Walking Tours



Walking Tour: Harvard Square Donut Tour

Off the Beaten Path Food Tours

"Donut" miss out on this mouthwatering adventure through Cambridge's iconic Harvard Square. Sample an irresistible array of artisanal donuts crafted with passion and precision by four local bakeries as your friendly guide shares stories about donuts and the historic sights you'll see. Try uniquely flavored donuts such as Greek donuts, mochi donuts, and churros. All ages welcome. Please Note: Unfortunately allergies cannot be accommodated.

Su | Apr 19 | 11 am-12:30 pm | \$49

Walking Tour: Explore Franklin Park

Emerald Necklace Conservancy Guide

Join us for a special guided tour of Boston's largest park. Franklin Park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture, in the late 19th century, as part of the Emerald Necklace park system that connects over a dozen neighborhoods in Boston and Brookline. Its 526 acres are filled with wooded trails, rolling hills and striking examples of historic Olmsted-era architecture. This walk will explore the Park's historic Playstead, sprawling Wilderness, the Schoolmaster Hill ruins and more! Meeting location will be sent by email.

Sa | May 2 | 10 am-12 pm | \$39

Walking Tour: Maynard History

Ann Gibson

Did you know that for nearly a hundred years, Maynard was the wealthiest town in the area? How did this come to be, and what has happened since then? Walk around downtown Maynard with your guide, Maynard Historical Commission member Ann Gibson, and learn about the history of Maynard from 1600-1950. We will cover 1.5 miles walking, including uneven surfaces. Meeting location will be sent by email. *Rain date 5/3.*

Sa | May 2 | 1-2:30 pm | \$35

Walking Tour: Union Square Food Tour

Off the Beaten Path Food Tours

Embark on a fun foodie adventure through Somerville's bustling Union Square, a vibrant neighborhood bursting with culture, historical significance, and a dynamic food scene. History abounds in this place where George Washington raised the first American flag in 1776. The birthplace of Marshmallow Fluff and home to the iconic "What the Fluff" Festival, quirky Union Square celebrates its diversity with many community events and creative new food concepts. We'll spend the afternoon sampling a variety of mouthwatering dishes, including Boston's best quesadilla, Indian street food, yummy Peruvian classics, and inventive small-batch ice cream. All ages welcome. The tour includes all food and beverages.

Sa | May 9 | 3-5 pm | \$79

Walking Tour: Discover Mount Auburn Cemetery

Katelyn Leaird

Mount Auburn, designated a National Historic Landmark, is one of the country's most significant designed landscapes. Here, the arts of horticulture, architecture and sculpture combine with the beauty of nature to create a place of comfort and inspiration. This 1.5 mile walking tour will focus on the stories of history, monuments and the lives of those buried here. Meeting spot: Asa Gray Garden.

Sa | May 17 | 11 am-12:45 pm | \$45



Would you like to teach for CCACE or do you have an idea for a new class?

We are always looking for new ideas and enthusiastic teachers who are eager to share their expertise with us!

Contact us!

Fitness & Wellness

Concord Spring Walks

Liz Fuller

Come join Liz for a morning away from the phone and computer and get outdoors! These 2-3 mile walks will take you through woods and trails around Concord and Carlisle, offering good exercise, adventure and fun companions. Each week's walk will be 1.5 hours in length. Lightweight hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes are recommended. Bring a lightweight jacket, hat/cap, hiking stick, water, and a sense of adventure. Directions to the starting places will be sent each week. If it rains, we will reschedule. *No class 5/8.*

5 Tu | Apr 28-Jun 2 | 9:30-11 am | \$85

Fitness Walks

Paula Casey, Stefanie Cloutier & Liz Fuller

It's spring -- a perfect time to exercise outdoors! We'll explore local trails while getting a moderate workout. Come prepared to break a sweat and get your heart rate up while we hike 4-5 miles in each two-hour session. Light hiking boots recommended; walking poles suggested for those wanting additional support and an upper body workout. Directions to the starting places will be sent each week.

• Stefanie: 6 We | Apr 15-May 27 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$105

• Liz: 5 Th | Apr 30-May 28 | 9:30-11:30 am | \$95

• Paula: Schedule TBD

Grandparent/Caregiver: Pediatric First Aid & CPR

Juanita Allen Kingsley

If you're caring for an infant or child, you need to know how to respond in case of a first-aid emergency. You'll learn to handle injuries and manage illness for the first few minutes until help arrives. We'll cover first aid basics; medical, injury, and environmental emergencies; and CPR for all ages. You'll learn about allergies and epipens too. Upon completion of the course, you'll receive certification in Pediatric First Aid and CPR for all ages. Open to Grand/parents and caregivers of any age. Please bring a mat or towel for kneeling.

Mo | Apr 27 | 10 am-12:30 pm | Keyes Rd Conf Room | \$115

Food & Drink



Fermented Pickle Workshop: Radish Kimchi

Emily Makrez, FWord Farm

Come show yourself some love and learn how to make probiotic pickles for your health and happy taste buds. Make your own jar of Radish Kimchi and learn a slightly different (and uncommon) method for lacto-fermented foods. Emily, owner of FWord Farm & educator on all things fermenting, farming, & foraging related, will show you how to pickle what's in season to make the most of your veggies, capture gut-healthy microbes & prevent food waste. We will touch on the basic science of fermentation and methods so you will leave with the knowledge and confidence to be able to safely ferment practically anything! You will know the difference between a vinegar pickle and a fermented pickle. We will talk about the benefits of lacto-fermented food & how they are a benefit to our overall health. Enjoy samples as we learn! **Please bring: knife, cutting board, scale that weighs in grams, large bowl, vegetable peeler.**

We | Apr 1 | 7-8:30 pm | AB Boardwalk Campus | \$59

Quick, Light Indian Favorites

Sandhya Nadkarni

We are welcoming spring with an interactive cooking class featuring light, flavorful Indian dishes that are quick and easy to prepare. We will make poheya, pressed rice made with perfectly balanced spices and aromatics, seviya upma, an Indian style vermicelli dish finished with a delicious tempering, peanut meal and lemon juice. Plus, we will make the ever popular nectarous mango lassi! We will focus on practical, everyday Indian home-style cooking and mini meal ideas, that are perfect for warmer weather and end by tasting our food. **\$25 materials fee payable to Sandhya (in advance by check or Venmo)**

Th | May 7 | 6-8:30 pm | Indfused, Lexington | \$90

Food & Drink

Sushi for Beginners

Ploy Khunisorn

We'll have fun creating this art of rolling in this hands-on class. You will learn every step from making sushi rice and cutting sushi components. We'll talk about the history of culture behind this long Japanese tradition while we roll out three styles of sushi maki including futomaki, spicy salmon maki, and temaki (hand-rolled sushi). You will each roll and cut your own sushi, as well as get a sushi rolling mat to go home with.

Tu | May 19 | 6:30-9 pm | Bedford Rec | \$90



Korean Kitchen

Ploy Khunisorn

One of the most healthful of the Asian cuisines, delicious Korean cuisine features mainly vegetables and harmonized sauces. We will make delicious chicken bibimbap, a rice bowl with chicken, seasoned spinach, cucumber salad, kimchi, egg, and delicious sauce. We'll also make Korean Japchae, sweet potato noodles stir-fried with vegetables. We'll finish the class with a delicious poached apple with ginger.

Th | Jun 4 | 6:30-9 pm | Bedford Rec | \$85

History & Culture

Character and Self: Thoughts from Emerson, Shakespeare, and Other Poets and Writers

Ron McAdow

This course is based on Ron's forthcoming book which compiles the wisdom of Ralph Waldo Emerson and other writers including Shakespeare, Margaret Fuller and Walt Whitman. In their words, and Ron's, the meaning and demands of good character are explored, creating a rich and entertaining view of the ideals and balances that support personal development. We will discuss one of the five chapters in the book each week: Aspirations, Circumstances, Relationships, Feelings, and Resources. An electronic edition of Character and Self will be provided; paper copies may be purchased.

3 Th & 2 Mo | Mar 12-26 | CCHS | \$125

Wikipedia: How a Grassroots Movement Transformed Knowledge

Michael Rodriguez

Wikipedia ("the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit") features 7 million articles in English. It gets more visitors than TikTok, Amazon, or Netflix do. It is totally free to read and reuse, hosted by a nonprofit, and powered by millions of grassroots donors and volunteers worldwide. How did this online encyclopedia become the largest, the most innovative, and surely the strangest information resource in history? Who runs it? What are its rules? Is it trustworthy? How does it influence politics and culture? What problems does Wikipedia face, and how can we improve it? Learn all about this weird and wonderful encyclopedia and how you can contribute to it.

Mo | Apr 7 | 6-7:30 pm | CCHS | \$35

Meet the Instructor



Michael Rodriguez is a librarian by training, holding a master's degree in library and information studies. He is a lead strategist at Ly-rasis, a nonprofit organization that supports enduring access to the world's academic and cultural heritage. Michael is passionate about information literacy and public access to knowledge. He has contributed more than 10,000 edits to Wikipedia over the past 10 years, creating more than 300 original articles and uploading more than 200 free images. He lectures and publishes widely and teaches educational seminars on many topics.



All the Letters: Understanding LGBTQIA+ Identities & Experiences in 2025

Speaker: [Robyn Ochs](#)

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
6:15 PM -- 7:45 PM
Concord Main Library
Goodwin Forum

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History & Culture

History of Country Music

Taylor Ackley

Get in touch with your country roots. Country music, and the closely related genre "roots" not only express the hardships of modern life but also purposefully evoke emotion. From its birth amid the rapid changes in American culture in the early years of the 20th century, country music has continually appealed to people from various backgrounds who feel left behind by a rapidly changing world. Surveying the history of the genre and touching on well known artists including Hank Williams, Dolly Parton, and Willie Nelson, this course will show you that no matter where you are in life, there's a country song and story for you. *No class 4/23.*

8 Th | Apr 9-Jun 4 | 6:30-8 pm | Online | \$185



The Gettysburg Campaign

Jeff Driscoll

Following his victory in the Battle of Chancellorsville (April 30 – May 6, 1863), Confederate General Robert E. Lee determined to invade the North once again, hoping this time to secure independence for the Southern confederacy. The Battle of Gettysburg, July 1- 3, 1863, would see Lee's Army of Northern Virginia come close to victory but ultimately fail in its objective. In what would be the costliest battle of the Civil War, Lee's army would not only suffer hideous losses, but would never be as effective again as an offensive threat. Join Jeff as he considers the reasons for Lee's invasion, and looks closely at the three days of battle at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He'll then cover the Confederate retreat, the results of the campaign, and of course, touch on Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, delivered on November 19, 1863. *No class 4/22, 4/29.*

6 We | Apr 8-May 27 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$155

Home & Garden

Disaster Preparedness

Greg Proulx

You can't control when disaster strikes, but you can prepare for it! Join us for this 3-session course to learn how to build a kit, make a plan, prepare your home, respond to specific natural and man-made disasters, and more. By the end of the course you will be equipped with the knowledge to better protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community from disaster.

3 Tu | Mar 10-24 | 7-8:30 pm | CCHS | \$59

Design and Plan Your Vegetable Garden: Grow more food in the space you have

Kate Despres

Have you ever planted little seedlings in the spring a few inches apart only to find that mid-summer your garden is a crowded jungle? Do you know how many square feet each tomato/bean/cucumber/basil plant needs to thrive? Did you know that leafy greens can be planted in the shade of vertically grown squash? Believe it or not, sometimes planting less will help produce more -- and figuring out where to grow your veggies, flowers and herbs before digging can be super rewarding, especially after a long winter inside. Utilize these tips and more to design and plan your garden by creating your own planting map to fit the needs of you and your family in the space that you have. Learn to make a crop map by using a few steps. After making a ranked list of what you want to grow, plan out when and where to plant your top priority crops using a map of your own growing space. Leave the class with a packet of references and tips to help you continue mapping in the future.

Sa | Mar 21 | 1-2:30 pm | Online | \$39



Consider giving to our scholarship fund.

Each year, CCACE awards more than \$15,000 in scholarships to community members for CCACE programs.

Visit concordcarlisleace.org/donate or select the option when registering.

Instrumental Music School of Carlisle & Concord

IMSCC Lessons are open to students of all ages, including adults!
 Private lessons are one-on-one (one student with a teacher).
 Small group lessons for 3-5 students are available for first and second year players.
 We offer two 16-week semesters, Fall & Winter-Spring.
 Our Summer semester offers a more flexible schedule.
Get started today!

Registration & Information:
 \$42.00 per 30-minute lesson (\$640 per 16-lesson semester)
 \$60.00 per 45-minute lesson (\$928 per 16-lesson semester)
 \$76.00 per 60-minute lesson (\$1216 per 16-lesson semester)
 Registration fee: \$20 per semester for Fall and Winter-Spring semesters,
 and \$5 for the Summer semester.
 Tuition for the full semester is due prior to the first lesson.

Small Group Lessons:
 We offer after-school, same-instrument, small-group lessons for our 4th- and 5th-grade musicians,
 which complement the Concord in-school instrumental ensemble programs.
 Payment plans are available on request and we also offer scholarship to those in need.
 Details are on page 22. Apply online: concordcarlisleace.org/scholarships/

Check online for a full list of instruments we offer and faculty bios!



IMSCC Program Coordinator: Laryssa Doohovskoy
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concordcarlisleace.org/instrumental-music-school/

For more than four decades, the Instrumental Music School of Carlisle and Concord (IMSCC) has brought the highest level of individual musical instruction to the students of Concord and Carlisle. Whether students are beginning a new instrument or honing skills developed through many years of practice, IMSCC is dedicated to helping young musicians excel. Our teachers work one on one with students to help them develop basic skills, learn repertoire, and prepare for performances. With close ties to school music departments, IMSCC teachers are well equipped to help students prepare for ensemble playing, both in school and beyond. IMSCC graduates have gone on to conservatory programs and professional careers in music.

Invest & Plan

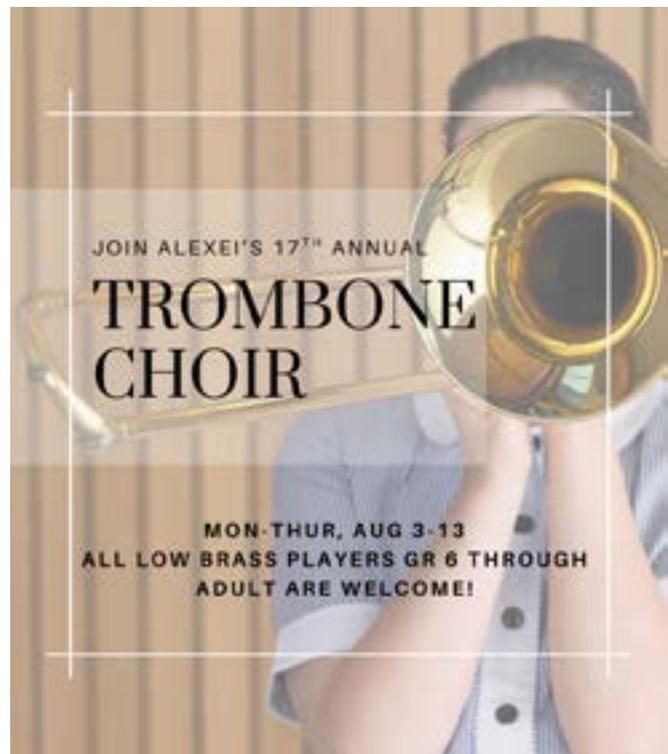


Planning Ahead for Caregiving: Practical & Emotional Guide
Julie Nordstrand
 Most caregivers enter their role with little or no planning. Instead, a crisis arises, making the situation extremely challenging and stressful. If you are an adult child who is noticing aging-related physical and/or mental or cognitive deterioration in an older relative, learn a practical step-by-step approach to planning for caregiving. We'll cover key topics to help you evaluate your loved one's situation and when to step in to offer support; what your conversation should consist of and topics to cover; setting up a plan collaboratively; and services and resources for older adults. We will also address ways of managing the emotional challenges that many caregivers experience including what it means to be a caregiver, caregiver stress syndrome, how to manage stress, and services and resources for caregivers.
 2 Mo | Mar 9 & 16 | 6:30-8:30 pm | Online | \$75

The Latest Long Term Care & Asset Protection
Daniel Williams
 The high cost of long-term care can wipe out a family's life savings in a short period of time. Unfortunately, many families are faced with this situation, finding themselves at the mercy of an under-funded government Medicaid system with limited choices. Recent legislative changes have created many questions surrounding planning techniques:

- How can I protect my home?
- What is the penalty for giving assets away?
- Are my assets protected if I put them in a trust?
- When is long-term care insurance worthwhile to consider?
- What if my loved one is already in a nursing home, can they still protect their assets?

 We | Mar 18 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$35



Estate Planning Basics: Everything You Need to Know to Get Started
Margaret Hoag
 Many people put off estate planning for fear of the time involved, the cost, and being sold documents they don't need. In this workshop, you will learn the basics of estate planning so you can set your goals, know the documents you need, and prepare the questions you need to ask. We will cover how to: avoid probate, protect minor children, minimize taxes, plan for children with special needs, among other issues. We will review the purpose of wills, trusts, durable powers of attorney, health care proxies and other end of life documents, and homesteads. We will also discuss working efficiently with attorneys and what to expect during the process.
 We | Apr 8 | 7-8:30 pm | Online | \$45

Check online for more Summer ensembles & classes!

World Languages

Arabic: Modern Standard Level I

Rania Nassar

Arabic, originating in the 6th century, is now one of the world's most widely spoken and recognized languages. Modern Standard Arabic serves as the formal language of news, media, and literature. This beginner class introduces the 28 Arabic letters and builds foundational reading and writing skills through interactive, practical instruction. You'll also learn everyday vocabulary and simple conversational phrases, including greetings and polite expressions. *No class 4/21.*
9 Tu | Apr 7-Jun 9 | 7:35-9:05 pm | Online | \$215

French for Beginners

Barry Bridgelal

Immerse yourself in the beautiful French language and gain a practical command of the vocabulary and grammar through topics that will include greetings, pronunciation, counting, indefinite articles, definite articles, interrogatives, infinitive expressions and a few irregular verbs. The goal of this program is to provide you with the tools to conduct basic conversations and write brief paragraphs about a range of everyday topics, using the present and near future tenses. The course is conducted largely in French.

10 Tu | Apr 28-Jun 30 | 7:45-9:00 pm | Online | \$245

French Intermediate I

Barry Bridgelal

You will acquire vocabulary on a wide range of topics and will gain proficiency in expressing wants, needs and obligations (devoir, vouloir, pouvoir), build on the present tense and start the simple passé composé. Grammatical topics include the definite and partitive articles, prepositions, adverbs, direct object pronouns, present and passé composé. This class will cover leçons 14-19 in *Contacts*.

5 Tu | Mar 17-Apr 14 | 8-9 pm | Online | \$100

French Intermediate II

Barry Brigedal

Building upon the skills already acquired, learn direct and indirect object pronouns and start the imperfect verb tense. By the end of our classes you will be able to converse on a broad range of topics with greater confidence and precision. This class will cover leçons 21-26 in *Contacts*.

• 7 We | Apr 29-Jun 10 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$140

• 4 We | Jun 17-Jul 8 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$88

• 4 We | Aug 5-26 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$88

French book for Barry's classes:

View our course description on our website for a link to a free online version of *Contacts*

or

Purchase the book before the first class:

Contacts edition 8 (978-0618395781) or 9 (978-1133934004)

German for Beginners & Travelers

Jeff Driscoll

We will pick up from the fall class and welcome beginners or advanced beginners looking to improve your German conversational skills. Seasoned instructor Jeff focuses on a your ability – and confidence – to speak the German language. Through activities and games, we make learning the sometimes challenging German language interesting and fun! *No class 4/21, 4/28.*

8 Tu | Apr 7-Jun 9 | 6-8 pm | CCHS | \$275

Spanish for Advanced Beginners

Diana Garcia-Martinez

Do you want to build on your beginning conversational skills in Spanish? Do you have a basic knowledge of the language? We will review the conjugation of –ar, –er, and –ir verbs in the present tense and then study irregular verbs and more vocabulary. We will practice simple conversations and learn more of the Spanish language and culture in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. *No class 4/20, 5/25.*

8 Mo | Apr 6-Jun 8 | 5:30-7 pm | Online | \$240

Spanish Intermediate

Mary Ann Price

If you have a solid knowledge of the use of the present tense in Spanish as well as everyday vocabulary, this is the level for you. We will review the present tense before studying reflexive verbs, object pronouns, and the preterite (past) tense. There will be plenty of opportunities for oral practice. Join us to expand your Spanish language skills in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere! *No class 4/20, 5/25.*

8 Mo | Apr 6-Jun 8 | 4-5:30 pm | Online | \$240

Spanish Advanced

Mary Ann Price

If you have a solid knowledge of the use of the present tense in Spanish as well as everyday vocabulary, this is the class for you. We will review the preterite tense before studying the imperfect tense, and then using both past tenses. There will be plenty of opportunities for oral practice. Join us to expand your Spanish language skills in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere! *No class 4/21.*

8 Tu | Apr 7-Jun 2 | 4-5:30 pm | Online | \$240

World Languages

Spanish Advanced III

Mary Ann Price

We will review verb tenses, and study other structures such as *por* and *para*, other prepositions, and negative words. Short readings will be part of the class work. *No class 4/21.*

8 Tu | Apr 7-Jun 2 | 7:30-9 pm | Online | \$240

Spanish Advanced IV

Mary Ann Price

We will continue to expand our vocabulary with short readings and discussions, as well as ongoing grammar practice. *No class 4/21.*

8 Tu | Apr 7-Jun 2 | 6-7:30 pm | Online | \$240

Spanish Conversation I

Diana Garcia-Martinez

Would you like to speak Spanish fluently, already have a knowledge base of advanced grammar and a wide vocabulary base but need to practice and improve? You will prepare presentations of a topic of your interest, current events, etc. The group will listen and discuss the content of the presentation, learn new vocabulary and review grammar points. Join us—you will improve your Spanish, have fun, and enjoy interesting discussions with classmates. *No class 4/20, 5/25.*

8 Mo | Apr 6-Jun 8 | 7-8 pm | Online | \$160

Spanish Books:

Please purchase the book for your class level.

Spanish for Beginners & Advanced Beginners:

Pensar y aprender Libro 1 (Curso de español)

(ISBN 978-2921445207)

Spanish Intermediate & Advanced:

Pensar y aprender Libro 2 (Curso de español)

(ISBN: 978-2921445160)



Note regarding our Italian classes
Our venerable instructor, Rita Abela, had to take this year off but she still hopes to be back with you in the Fall!

Writing



Midday Writers

Judy McClure

Craving something more from your lunch hour? Gather with us in the middle of the day for this supportive and generative writing class. Each week we'll focus on a different writing theme or structure and use writing prompts to generate new work. Writers of all genres are welcome. Feel free to bring your lunch! *No class 4/22.*

8 We | Apr 8-Jun 3 | 12-1 pm | Online | \$119

Write Now!

Tina Tocco

Have you always wanted to try your hand at fiction writing, but never took the leap? Maybe you've put down your pen for a while and need a jumpstart. Come experiment in this low-stress, generative class! You'll kindle your imagination with fun prompts—music, sounds, images, etc.—to get those gears moving. Then, if you choose, you'll share your work in a supportive environment and receive positive feedback. You'll walk away each week with a new piece of writing—maybe even something you'd like to build on. *No class 4/20.*

6 Mo | Apr 13-Jun 1 | 7-9 pm | Online | \$179

Generative Memoir

Danielle Monroe

Everyone has a story worth telling. Find yours! In a supportive space grounded in accountability and kindness, you'll explore your personal stories through the three key elements of memoir: sensory sparks, scene building, and exterior perspective. Come ready to write with your computer or notebook. Expect guided exercises and two writing prompts to spark new work each week. Sharing is optional, but you'll have the opportunity to receive feedback if you choose. *No class 4/23.*

8 Th | Apr 16-Jun 11 | 7-9 pm | Gibbs School, Arlington | \$225

Youth Programs

BLAST Babysitting Safety & CPR

Juanita Allen Kingsley

The BLAST! (Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training) program provides training in First Aid, in household safety, and some fundamentals of childcare. We will prepare you to interview for a babysitting job, select safe and suitable games and activities, prevent accidents, and begin babysitting safely and competently. We will cover choking prevention and relief and how to call 911. You will also be certified in CPR/AED upon successful demonstration of practical skills. This program is for students in grades 6-8.

We | Mar 25 | 3:30-6:15 pm | CCHS | \$155

Welcome to High School: Strategies for 9th Grade Success

Dr. Loprete, Open Door Education

This fun and practical workshop will help your rising ninth graders feel confident and prepared for the start of high school. We will get organized with tools and strategies for time management, note-taking, and studying, while also practicing essential skills like emailing teachers and navigating classroom dynamics. With hands-on activities, helpful resources, and expert guidance from Dr. Loprete, this session sets the stage for a strong start to high school.

Fr | Aug 14 | 9-11 am | ODE offices | \$85

Scholarships for CCACE Programs

Each year, CCACE awards more than \$15,000 in scholarships to community members for CCACE programs.

Scholarships for CCACE are made possible in large part by a grant from the Concord Carlisle Foundation. This support, in combination with donations from community members, helps to make lifelong learning a reality for local community members who require some financial assistance.

Apply online at concordcarlisle.org/scholarship/

Donate at concordcarlisle.org/donate or select the option when registering for a class.



The Concord Carlisle Foundation is a community-focused organization dedicated to understanding critical needs, making grants to local nonprofits, and providing direct aid to individuals. For more information, visit concordcarlislefoundation.org.



Hugh Cargill Trust

The Hugh Cargill Trust Committee works in partnership with the CCACE to provide partial Driver Ed scholarships to deserving high school students who are Concord residents. The mission of the Hugh Cargill Trust is to provide short-term emergency financial assistance to Concord residents. Town residents may request aid by contacting the Committee at: 978-318-3100, ext. 2030. or hctc@concordma.gov.

Online 6-Week Classes

Discover Sign Language: Learn to master American Sign Language through immersive, silent instructional videos that emphasize proper sign techniques and facial expressions for effective communication.

Medical Terminology: A Word Association Approach: Learn medical terminology from an anatomical approach by looking at each root term, its origin, a combined form, and an example of non-medical everyday usage.

Grammar Refresher: This course explores the eight parts of speech, punctuation and mechanics, foundational sentence construction, phrases, clauses, problem words, common mistakes, and more with practical, hands-on exercises.

Conversational Japanese: Prepare for a trip to Japan by learning the basics of conversational Japanese. This course will provide you with useful words and phrases for conversing as you master the essentials of the Japanese language.

Find these programs & more at:
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Artificial Intelligence: Explore what AI can do to reduce costs, gather more and better business data, automate time-consuming tasks, improve efficiency, lower human error, re-allocate staff time for higher priority functions, and more.

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Graphic Design Foundation: Build the skills to confidently choose the perfect graphic design for any project, creating work that is not only visually stunning but also functionally effective.

The Manager's Guide to HR: Conquer one of the essential competencies for a successful manager, moving up, and contributing to the productivity of your organization.

Find these programs & more at:
concordcarlisle.org/certificate-programs/

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How to Register



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500 Walden St, Concord, MA 01742

Registration: Classes are open to anyone, regardless of where you live. Adult classes are open to ages 18+, unless otherwise specified. Younger students may enroll if a parent/guardian also enrolls. Payment is due at the time of registration to secure your space. We do not prorate classes. Once you enroll, you will receive a confirmation by email. If you do not see the email, check your spam folder. Emails will come from ace@concordps.org.

Waitlists: If the class you want is full, sign up for the waitlist. There is no charge and we often get last-minute changes or add sections.

Refunds & Course Changes: There are no credits or refunds once a class has started or for student absences. If you withdraw 1 week or more before the start date, we will issue you a credit (good for 12 months from the date of issue). You may request a refund of the class tuition minus a \$10 processing fee. Withdrawals from courses under \$25 are only eligible for a course credit. If you withdraw 6 days or less from the start date, we do not issue course credits or refunds.

Virtual Class Information: We strongly recommend that you test Zoom on your device and get comfortable with the platform before the start of your class. Each participant to be registered separately unless otherwise noted. Zoom links are emailed the day before the class. **If you do not see it, check your spam folder and contact the office before 4 pm.**

Cancellations: We reserve the right to cancel classes due to low enrollment or other considerations. If we cancel, you will receive a full refund to your original form of payment.

Etcetera: CCACE reserves the right to change instructors if necessary and correct prices, dates, or times due to typographical errors in our catalog or website. The opinions, views, or recommendations expressed by instructors are their own and do not necessarily reflect those of CCACE. CCACE does not endorse any service or product recommended or offered by instructors.

Gift Certificates: Perfect for any occasion! Join together with friends and family near and far for a virtual night of fun! Contact the office.

In-Person Class Locations: All in-person classes are at Concord-Carlisle High School (500 Walden St, Concord) unless otherwise indicated.

Photo/Video Permissions: We may post pictures or videos from classes in our promotions. Your enrollment in a class indicates your approval for this.

Registration Form

Contact Information

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Course Information

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