

# Chapter 10 – Continuing and Professional Studies

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The School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) is committed to responding to diverse student populations as they discover and fulfill their potential in today's rapidly changing world. Our programs expand the range of educational opportunities offered by the academic colleges on campus, at area and regional sites, through the use of current technologies and in convenient time frames. Programs administered by the School of Continuing and Professional Studies include off-campus sites, summer programs, weekend programs, courses delivered at a distance through the use of technology, specialized certificate programs, international programs, in-service training opportunities for teachers, and university-wide noncredit programming to serve the needs of area business, industry, and government.

**Mission Statement**

The School of Continuing and Professional Studies acts as an innovative catalyst for the University by providing flexible educational opportunities that enhance economic, technological, and cultural development.

1. Provides general education, professional development, and selected upper division and graduate courses, delivered in technology based formats,
2. Provides course work in support of degree programs designated for off-campus delivery,
3. Provides comprehensive conference coordination and a productive educational environment for programs that meet the adult professional learning and community and economic development role of SUU as a regional university.

**Continuing & Professional Studies**

Continuing education offers traditional and nontraditional educational opportunities for all types of students. It works closely with the University's academic departments and colleges and with professional, trade and special interest organizations. Options for life-long learning are presented year round. Alternatives range from part-day workshops, lectures and concerts to week-long credit workshops and tele-courses. Courses may be added to the schedule whenever sufficient interest is shown. Continuing education programs meet the needs of nontraditional students through convenient course scheduling, curricular flexibility, innovative, nontraditional teaching methodology, cooperative work/study arrangements, and specifically designed instruction including internships.

The School recognizes that most of its students/clients have work, family, and other personal and professional responsibilities which limit their participation in traditional college activities; therefore, convenience is a major factor in the design of continuing education programs.

Full degree programs are scheduled at various outreach locations to meet the needs of rural Utah citizens. Evening classes, both on and off campus, plus a broad range of opportunities for study as well as numerous other community services and special projects are part of the School's assigned role and mission.

**National Student Exchange**

SUU is a member of the National Student Exchange. The National Student Exchange (NSE) enables SUU students to spend a semester or a year at one of over 174 colleges and universities. Students may select from institutions in 47 states in the U.S., the District of Columbia, and three U.S. territories. Six Canadian universities also participate in the NSE. Students pay tuition and fees to SUU or resident tuition and fees to the host institution, depending on the plan through which they participate. Financial aid and scholarships students receive at SUU also apply to their exchange.

NSE offers students the means to experience new life and learning styles, appreciate differing cultural perspectives, learn more about themselves and others, and broaden their educational background through specialized courses or unique programs that may not be available on the home campus. Living and studying in another state or region of the United States is a valuable opportunity to widen educational horizons.

With member institutions offering tuition reciprocity, and students continuing their eligibility for financial aid at SUU, National Student Exchange represents one of the most cost-effective ways to travel and experience life in a new environment.

Through the NSE, students also have access to designated study abroad programs offered by participating institutions at resident program fees.

The deadline for applying for the next year is February 15, although early application is encouraged.

Students interested in the National Student Exchange should contact Alla Paroiatnikova in the Office of International Programs, Hunter Conference Center 103, by phone (435) 586-1995, or by e-mail: [paroiatnikova@suu.edu](mailto:paroiatnikova@suu.edu).

**Travel Study Abroad and International Programs**

Travel Study opportunities are available for students, traditional and non-traditional, who are interested in pursuing various language and cultural experiences abroad.

The Office of International Programs was established at Southern Utah University to represent a commitment to international education. The office has responsibility for faculty and student exchange programs and other international activities at the University. Its goal is to expand and strengthen international ties among individuals, units, and programs on campus and to encourage the exchange and flow of ideas and information so crucial for the development of global knowledge and awareness.

SUU students can add an international dimension to their education through study abroad. Students may earn SUU credit by enrolling in

summer and semester-to-year long international programs offered by SUU departments in Great Britain, Spain, Mexico, and Germany among others.

In addition, SUU students are eligible to participate in study abroad programs sponsored by participating campuses in the National Student Exchange Consortium and other partner institutions. Information and advising are also available for other study abroad opportunities.

Students interested in Study Abroad programs should contact Alla Paroiatnikova in the Office of International Programs, CC 103, (435) 586-1995. E-mail: [paroiatnikova@suu.edu](mailto:paroiatnikova@suu.edu).

### Intensive Language Training Institute

(ELSC) English Language Study Center

The University provides an intensive English program with various levels of curriculum for international and other students with appropriate TOEFL scores. Students entering the ELSC programs will be thoroughly tested to determine and evaluate their English language skills. Courses in Japanese, German, Hebrew, French, Latin, Spanish, Russian, and other languages are offered on demand by the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

### Distance Education

The Director of Distance Education in continuing education oversees the development and delivery of courses which utilize Internet and other emerging technologies to bridge the gaps of distance and time between teachers and learners. These courses are generally not delivered to specific predetermined sites.

### In-Service Programs

All 5000 level course are administered by the School of Continuing and Professional Studies under the supervision of the respective faculty. The 5000 level courses are offered in every subject area with the permission of the respective dean.

Courses designed for career enhancement, professional growth, teacher recertification and lane changes are delivered by SCPS. A significant number of on-going programs for public school educators explore changes in educational philosophy, classroom management, student motivation and achievement. In-service programs also provide hands-on experience with current curriculum and teaching techniques. In-service courses are also offered through independent study, as correspondence courses, and on the Internet.

### Off-Campus Degree Programs

The SUU Office of Off-Campus Degree Programs delivers courses and degree programs throughout the southern Utah region. Graduate and Undergraduate courses are primarily offered at the University Center at Snow College South in Richfield and at Dixie State College in St. George. Delivery methods for the courses include university faculty members traveling to these distant sites, as well as technology mediated courses via the EdNet system, satellite, and the Internet. Courses are available during the regular school day, in the evening, and on weekends. In collaboration with the University's academic colleges and departments, the office also develops and manages special off-campus programs and courses for private companies and businesses in the region.

### Concurrent Enrollment

Students who would like to attend high school and take college courses at the same time may be eligible for concurrent enrollment at SUU. Options include taking SUU courses at the students' high school campus or taking courses at SUU. To take courses at a high school campus, consult a high school counselor. To take courses at SUU, contact SUU's Admissions Office. Applicants will need to:

- complete a concurrent admissions application;

- pay the application fee;
- obtain the signature of a parent and high school counselor or principal;
- be of junior or senior standing in high school; and
- have a minimum high school GPA of 3.25.

Concurrent enrollment students will be matriculated at SUU after high school graduation and submission of a complete SUU admissions application, high school transcript, and ACT scores. Once matriculated at SUU, students are eligible for financial aid.

### SUCCESS Academy

SUCCESS Academy applicants are select students in grades 10-12 who have chosen to participate in the early college high school program.

#### Admission Criteria for Success Academy Students

Students wishing to participate in limited University experiences in the 10th grade must meet the following requirements:

- Earn a minimum composite score of 17 on the ACT
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of grade 9

Students wishing to participate in limited University experiences in the 11th & 12th grade will follow Southern Utah University's guidelines and procedures for concurrent enrollment.

All course pre-requisites must be met by the student before taking approved courses.

### EdNet

Modern technology provides increased options for serving the campus student, off-campus student and community groups with teleconferences, interactive broadcasts via satellite and Utah Electronic College (UEN) telecommunication systems.

### Conference Services

The Office of Conference Services schedules the Hunter Conference Center (on campus) and the SUU Mountain Center (12 miles east of campus on Cedar Mountain). For those events in the Conference Center, Conference Services coordinators will arrange any or all of the logistical details for the event and help you achieve your meeting objectives. The staff can also advise you on area attractions and activities, which will make your stay in southern Utah even more memorable. Let the qualified Conference Services staff provide you with orchestrated details and assistance in planning and managing your meeting in Cedar City. Every event has the full attention of a professional coordinator who will continue to assist with any requirements while your group is here.

### Community Education Programs

The School of Continuing and Professional Studies invites you take advantage of new learning opportunities through innovative offerings in the areas of personal enrichment and professional development. Primarily non-credit courses and workshops, these programs are directed at a variety of audiences and their interests including languages, health, dance, computer skills, management and finance, culture and cuisine just to name a few. For information, call (435) 865-8196 or email [conference@suu.edu](mailto:conference@suu.edu). Registration also available through the Registrar's Office or visit [www.suu.edu/scps/commed/](http://www.suu.edu/scps/commed/).

### Centralized scheduling at Southern Utah University

Due to a policy change regarding facility use at Southern Utah University, a Centralized Scheduling Office was formed in June of 2006. Campus and community guests alike now enjoy the ease of making just one call to schedule a meeting room, catering, audiovisual, and furniture setup. Beginning in January, guests will be able to access the scheduling form on the SUU webpage, complete their detailed requests and submit the form online. It is hoped this new concept will enable guests to enjoy a hassle-free experience when scheduling space at SUU. Whether it is one small

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meeting room, a banquet room for 300, or an entire conference facility you're requiring, the Centralized Scheduling Office can help you find the space you're looking for. For more information or to schedule an event on the campus of Southern Utah University, please call Lauri Garfield at (435)865-8219.

### Hunter Conference Center

The stately Hunter Conference Center accents the beauty of Southern Utah University, with its historic buildings and groves of spruce and pine trees on the upper campus. This distinctive facility offers nearly 11,000 square feet of excellent meeting and dining space for large or small gatherings. Enjoy a warm, friendly atmosphere and attentive service to help you with the details of your event. The Hunter Conference Center can accommodate all your meeting needs, from personal workshops to grand banquets. Advanced technological amenities are available throughout the Center to enhance all types of events. Our conference coordinators can assist you with meeting pre-planning, registrations, and on-site coordination to ensure a high level of productivity and the success of your event. The Hunter Conference Center is the perfect location for an extraordinary conference experience. To schedule the Conference Center or for more information, visit our website at <http://www.suu.edu/scps/confer>, call (435) 586-7853, or email [conference@suu.edu](mailto:conference@suu.edu).

### Mountain Center

A scenic drive up Cedar Canyon takes you into the mountains where the air is clear and fresh. Here you will find the Southern Utah University Mountain Center...a secluded world apart, a private place, free of city distractions. This facility offers over 6000 square feet of inviting amenities and is situated on a 2800 acre ranch. Located just minutes from downtown Cedar City on Highway 14, the Mountain Center is easily accessible throughout the year and has parking space to accommodate large groups.

Whether you're hosting an informal retreat, coordinating a business workshop, or entertaining family or friends, the Mountain Center has everything you need, all in a beautiful alpine setting. Constructed with open-beam vaulted ceilings, the Mountain Center contains meeting rooms, a large kitchen, dining room, bedrooms, outdoor cooking facilities, patios and pavilions, pathways, and acres of beautiful mountain land to explore. Hike the great outdoors or take advantage of a secluded amphitheater for open-air presentations.

Enjoy visiting the scenic surroundings of southern Utah. The Mountain Center is just minutes away from Cedar Breaks National Monument, with Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks also nearby. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.suu.edu/scps/confer>, call (435) 586-7853, or email [conference@suu.edu](mailto:conference@suu.edu).

### Short Term Intensive Training (STIT)

Training is specific, short term, "hands on", and is tailored to the needs of the individual and community. STIT provides on-going, nontraditional courses.

- Classes convenient to the individual or company
- Programs that are flexible and structured to meet individual needs
- Classes from a few hours, a few days, to one year
- Training that is based upon specific job market and technological demands

### Questions About Continuing and Professional Studies?

If you have questions, contact the School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Hunter Conference Center, (435) 586-7850

