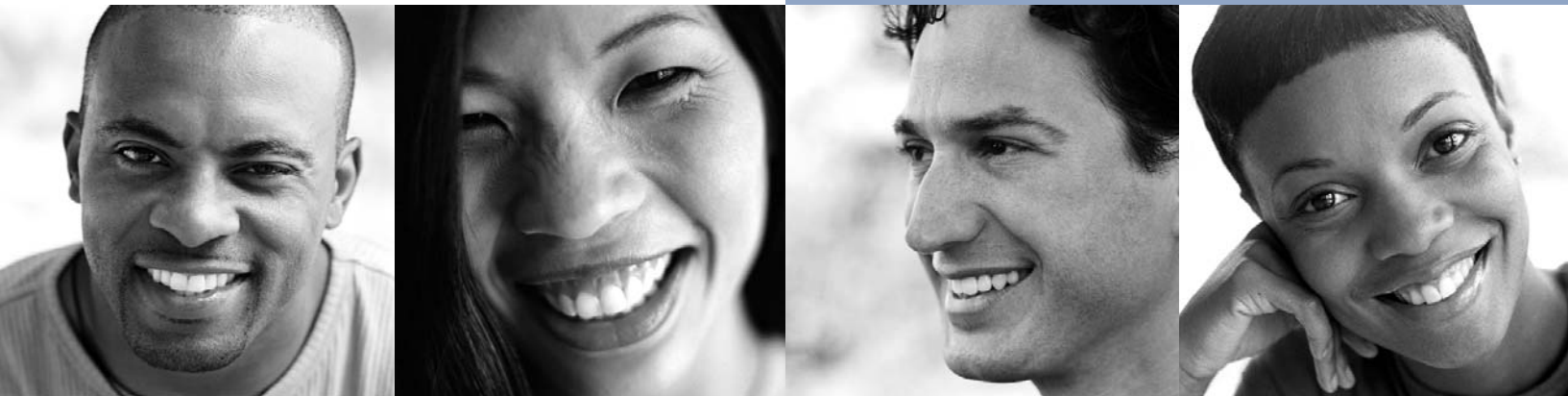


Opening the doors of the University to



almost 15,000 **nontraditional** adult learners

# School of Continuing & Professional Studies ...

Serving the Commonwealth of Virginia with academic centers in:

Abingdon  
Charlottesville  
Falls Church  
Quantico (FBI Academy)  
Richmond  
Roanoke  
Virginia Beach



## Mission

The University of Virginia's School of Continuing and Professional Studies responds to the educational needs of adult learners by supporting pursuit of knowledge to serve the public good. We will accomplish this goal through outreach activities that:

- Serve a diverse community of learners at convenient times and places.
- Enable learners to achieve their personal and professional goals.
- Create "strategic action research" partnerships and collaborations that provide opportunities to inform and guide best practice solutions to real community challenges.
- Foster effective collaborations and partnerships with academic schools across the University to develop and deliver educational opportunities for public and private organizations within our state, nation and the world.

## Vision

By 2013, the School of Continuing and Professional Studies will become the preferred provider of learning experiences for nontraditional adult learners. We will be known for excellence in instruction, responsiveness to public and private sector priorities and needs, and value-added contributions to PreK-12 schools and communities within the Commonwealth and beyond through the education of citizens in practical affairs that improve their quality of life. We will create "best in class" models for:

- Leveraging the use of technology to improve and enhance nontraditional adult learner access to University programs, faculty and other resources.
- Implementing courses of study that provide international perspectives and contexts for living, working and thriving in the Commonwealth and beyond in the 21st century.
- Advancing the University of Virginia's commitment to useful science, research and global education.

## Priorities for 2009-2015

- (1) Maintain successful outreach programs and services.
- (2) Support and maintain teaching excellence in online environments.
- (3) Reach new audiences seeking degrees and credentials.
- (4) Integrate thoughtful and useful inquiry in the adult learner student experience.

# Programs that Serve Nontraditional Adult Learners

## Adult Degree Completion Program

The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS), the University's only part-time undergraduate degree program for working adults, is offered on-Grounds in Charlottesville, in Virginia Beach through a partnership with Tidewater Community College, and in Alexandria through a partnership with Northern Virginia Community College.

Students enter the BIS program as third year students, having completed 60 transferrable hours in core and prerequisite requirements. Evening and weekend courses allow students to complete concentrations in business, education, the humanities, and social sciences or an individualized concentration.

Since 1999, the School of Continuing and Professional Studies has awarded the BIS degree to over 250 graduates.

## Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical Program prepares adult students with strong academic credentials for medical school admission. Designed for college graduates without significant science preparation, this one-year, full-time program provides the prerequisite courses in the basic sciences, including biology, chemistry and physics. Students benefit from individualized advising, opportunities to shadow doctors and work with physician mentors, volunteer experiences in medical settings and MCAT preparation.

Ninety percent of the students from the inaugural cohort (2006-07) have been accepted to medical school at universities including Emory, Pittsburgh, North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest, as well as the University of Virginia.

## Certificate Programs

Certificate programs offer discipline-specific courses that help students acquire new skills for professional advancement or for a career transition.

### Online

#### *Undergraduate/Post-Baccalaureate*

- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology
- Procurement & Contracts Management

#### *Graduate*

- eMarketing
- Leadership
- Procurement & Contracts Management
- Project Management
- Public Administration
- Technology Leadership
- Workforce Development

### On-Site

#### *Undergraduate/Post-Baccalaureate*

- Accounting
- Criminal Justice
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology
- Procurement & Contracts Management

#### *Graduate*

- Adolescent Literacy
- Adult ESL: Teaching ESL to Adults
- Criminal Justice
- Information Security Management
- Java 2 Enterprise Edition
- Leadership in Human Resources Management
- Procurement & Contracts Management
- Project Management
- Workforce Development

#### *Noncredit*

- Association Management
- Meeting and Event Planning
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Relations

## Programs delivered in conjunction with other U.Va. Schools and Colleges

In partnership with the Curry School of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences, SCPS offers the following master's degrees for K-12 educators and administrators:

- Administration & Supervision
- Mathematics Education
- Physics Education
- Reading Education
- Social Foundations of Education
- Special Education

Off Grounds, SCPS offers the Curry Education Specialist degree in Reading, as well as the Curry Education Specialist and Doctor of Education degree in Administration and Supervision.

In partnership with University of Virginia's College at Wise, SCPS offers the Virginia Department of Education's approved library media program leading to endorsement in Library Media PreK-12.

In conjunction with the School of Engineering and Applied Science, SCPS delivers courses for the Accelerated Master's in Systems Engineering, as well as the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program (CGEP). Through CGEP, students are able to earn master's degrees in:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
- Systems Engineering

Archaeological field schools are offered at Jamestown, Monticello and Poplar Forest in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences.

*More Programs...*

## Career & Professional Development Programs

The School offers a robust portfolio of noncredit courses, seminars and certificates. Topics range from marketing, nonprofit management, public relations, engineering exam review, leadership, team building, strategic process management, association management, and meeting and event planning. Over 1,000 individuals, representing almost 200 Virginia businesses and organizations, participate annually in these programs.

## Personal Enrichment Programs

Noncredit personal enrichment evening courses are offered, primarily in Charlottesville, to over 1,500 community members. Topics include architecture and design, arts and music, history, religion, landscaping, languages, and the physical sciences.

The U.Va. Travel & Learn Programs for Adults, led by prominent U.Va. faculty and their colleagues worldwide, attract hundreds of participants annually. Programs are held at the University or at historic destinations in the U.S. and abroad. Offerings include:

- Civil Rights South
- Founding of North America
- Jefferson Symposium
- Seminar at Oxford, England
- Shakespeare Seminar
- Jefferson's Wine Experience



## Customized Education

K-12

A portfolio of offerings is available that provides Virginia school divisions with a comprehensive framework for building organizational capacity around specific issues. These services include everything from an initial needs assessment and instructional audit to creating a professional development curriculum and providing follow-up support.

### *Federal/State/Local Government*

The School trains thousands of federal, state and local government employees. Many of these educational opportunities are offered through long-standing contracts with:

- Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR)
- Defense Contract Management Agency
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF)
- Department of Health & Human Services
- International Parking Institute
- Virginia State Police

### *Partnership with the FBI National Academy*

For over 35 years, SCPS has partnered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to offer undergraduate and graduate courses to law enforcement officers from around the world through the FBI National Academy. Designed to educate the next generation of law enforcement leaders, the 10-week educational programs are held 4 times annually at the FBI training facility in Quantico. To date, more than 35,000 domestic and international officers have benefitted from this partnership.

### *Businesses and Organizations*

Customized courses and programs are delivered to businesses and organizations within the Commonwealth, and beyond. Specialized topics include leadership, organizational development, team building, and workforce development.

## Operating Summary

*During academic year 2008-2009*

### Students

Headcount (unduplicated): 14,655  
Virginia residents: 85%  
Non-Virginia residents: 15%

### Courses

Courses offered annually: 1500  
Total Registrations: 26,350  
• Credit registrations: 21,735  
• Noncredit registrations: 4615

### Staff & Faculty

Staff/Faculty FTE: 217

U.Va. resident faculty who teach for SCPS: 164

Adjunct faculty who teach for SCPS: 512

### May 2009 Graduation Statistics

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Degree: 49

Certificates: 118

Post-Bac Pre-Med: 24

National Criminal Justice Command College: 15

FBI National Academy: 1012

Off-Grounds Master's Degrees: 189+

Off-Grounds Education Specialist Degrees: 59+

Off-Grounds Doctorates in Education: 6+

*+ In conjunction with the Curry School of Education, College of Arts & Sciences and School of Engineering and Applied Science*

### Funding

State tuition: 92%

State support: 3%

Local revenue: 3%

Auxiliary: 1%

Philanthropic support: 1%

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