

# D211 POST: FOUNDATION TAPS DISTRICT 211, HARPER COLLEGE, NIU FOR BACHELOR'S DEGREE GRANT

High School District 211, Harper College, and Northern Illinois University have been selected to participate in a one-year "design challenge" that aims to dramatically move the needle on bachelor's degree completion for community college students.

The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation is funding the nonprofit Education Design Lab to lead the Seamless Transfer Pathway Design Challenge. Harper, NIU and District 211 are among just four groups of two- and four-year institutions chosen nationwide for the grant.

"We know that through our partnerships, we are able to achieve more together than we ever could individually," Harper College President Dr. Ken Ender said. "If we are going to increase baccalaureate completion in a transformational way, we must begin to think of the high school, community college and university as a single network."

Research shows about 80 percent of students who enroll in a community college intend to complete a bachelor's degree. Yet, according to the Education Design Lab, only 25 percent make the leap to a four-year school within five years, and just 17 percent complete a four-year degree within six years of transferring.

The design challenge will bring together partners to break down transfer barriers.

Harper, NIU and District 211's proposal aims to reduce the time and cost of earning a bachelor's degree with a goal of a 30 percent increase in the number of Harper students who go on to graduate from NIU within six years. Several initiatives will make this possible including:

- Power of 15: Based on research showing students who enter college with 15 credits are twice as likely to graduate with a four-year degree, the Power of 15 program increases opportunities for students to earn college credit while still in high school.
- Reducing remediation: Opportunities will be expanded for students to take developmental English and math courses during their senior year of high school so they enter Harper automatically eligible for college-level courses.
- Reduction in "wasted" credits: Continued alignment of pathways will ensure students take courses they need to successfully complete their desired program.
- Early college credit: Students will take college credit courses while in high school at a sharply reduced cost.
- Promise Scholarship: Students can earn up to two years of free tuition at Harper by meeting benchmarks in the areas of attendance, rigor, quality, persistence and community service.
- Unified transition advising: Students will be advised through a coordinated, case management effort that will serve them from high school to completing their bachelor's degree at NIU.
- Guaranteed enrollment: If students stay on their pathway and meet minimum

requirements, they will not need to apply for admission to NIU after completing Harper.

Beginning this fall, the design challenge will provide partners with coaches, access to experts in transfer pathways and reimbursement for national cohort meetings and design sessions. Pilot programs developed over the next year will be launched in fall 2018 and results tracked for six years.

“Our partnership with Harper College has made the pursuit of a college degree a real possibility for many of our students,” District 211 Superintendent Dr. Daniel Cates said. “For years, we have envisioned how we might connect more of our high school students with a four-year college program at Northern Illinois University, and we are excited to partner with Harper College and NIU to make this dream a true possibility for our students.”

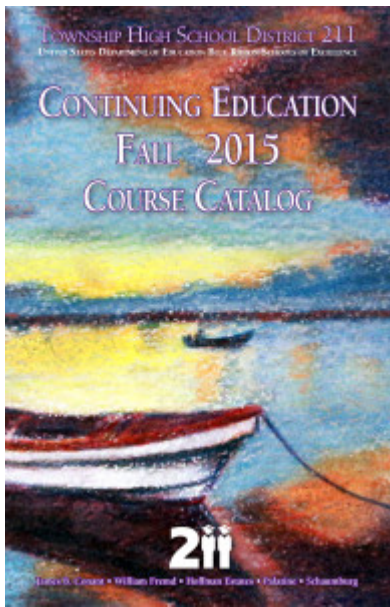
“We are excited to partner with Harper College and Township High School District 211 on an innovative pathway to increase the number of students earning a four-year degree,” said Ron Smith, NIU Director, Community College Partnerships. “Our collective efforts will better prepare students for success throughout their college and career endeavors.”

For more information on the design challenge, visit [eddesignlab.org](http://eddesignlab.org).

(Release courtesy of Harper College Media Relations Office)

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**FALL 2015 CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
**COURSE REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST**  
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The Continuing Education course catalog is available online for Fall 2015 and offers a wide-range of courses that cater to individual's interests and skill-building needs. Registration will begin on Aug. 24.

Continuing education has been available to community members for more than 50 years, and continues to grow. Each year, there are different courses available with several different sections to accommodate different schedules. Courses not only provide learning opportunities to the community, but also different teaching opportunities for District 211 teachers. Some can teach courses that they specialize in and in a classroom environment that is different from teaching high school students.

Course topics range from foreign language, home improvement, fitness, personal enrichment, cooking, and more. New courses this year include Advanced iPhone Tips, Chicago Ghost Stories, Young at Heart Exercise Class, as well as some varying cooking classes.

The courses are offered for a relatively low cost for adults 18 years of age or older. Although the District advertises to community members, anyone can enroll in a continuing education course. Senior Citizens that live within the District and are over the age of 62 can apply for a District 211 Gold Card that allows them to receive discounted course fees. Classes in English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) and literacy are available free of charge to all adults.

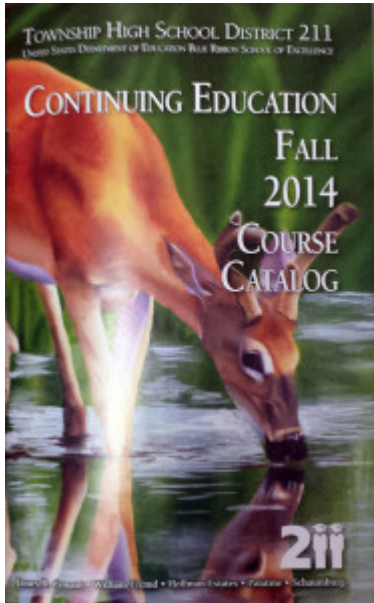
In addition, District 211 also offers high school diploma completion opportunities for residents 17 years of age or older whose education has been interrupted. There is no maximum age limit for this program. Upon completion of this program, a fully accredited District 211 diploma is awarded. Free counseling is available. To schedule an appointment, please call (847) 755-6722.

Those interested in a continuing education course can register during regular business hours Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Registration is accepted by telephone at (847) 755-6820. When registering by phone, please have the class registration information and a Visa, Discover, or MasterCard ready. In addition, registration may be done by mail, by fax at (847) 755-6867, or by walk-in at the Administration Center, 1750 S. Roselle Rd. in Palatine.

To view the Continuing Education Catalog, please click [here](#). For more information, contact the Continuing Education Department by calling (847) 755-6820.

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# FALL 2014 CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REGISTRATION STARTS AUG. 18



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Course topics range from foreign language, home improvement, fitness, personal enrichment, cooking, and more. New this year are courses including Internet Marketing, Social Media for Beginners, How to Use Facebook for Business, Aging to Wellness, and The Forgiveness Journey.

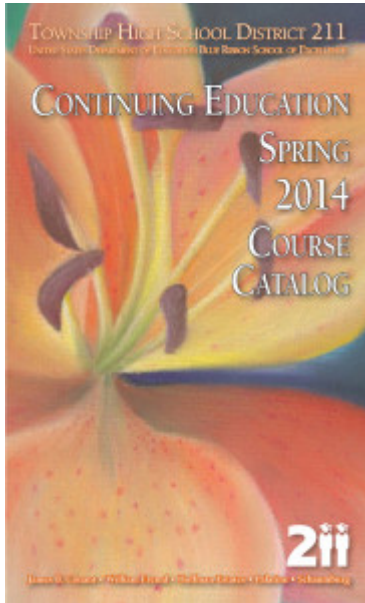
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# CONTINUING EDUCATION SPRING TERM CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE, REGISTRATION TO START



For adults interested in lifelong educational experiences, High School District 211's Continuing Education courses are the perfect way to keep learning for individuals ages 18 and older.

The Continuing Education course catalog is available online for Spring 2014 and offers a wide range of courses that cater to individual interests and skill-building needs. Course topics range from foreign language, home improvement, fitness, personal enrichment, cooking, and more. Enrollment is available until four days before a course starts, and if seats are still available, same-day registration is allowed.

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A Continuing Education course catalog will be mailed in January, with most classes scheduled to begin the week of February 3, 2014. Individuals may register for courses, beginning January 21, 2014, by calling (847) 755-6820, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Callers should have the 2014 Spring Course Catalog and a Discover, Visa, or MasterCard available. Walk-in or mail-in registration also begins on January 21, 2014, at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center, 1750 S. Roselle Road in Palatine, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration forms also may be faxed to (847) 755-6867 24 hours a day starting at 9:00 a.m. on January 21, 2014.

Continuing Education has been available to community members for more than 50 years, and continues to grow. Each year, there are a variety of courses available, with

several different sections to accommodate busy schedules. Courses not only provide learning opportunities for the community, but also teaching opportunities. Instructors are selected for their expertise and experience in their field of study, as well as their talent for teaching. Individuals interested in teaching a class, or those with a new course idea, should contact the Continuing Education office at (847) 755-6820.

For those looking for last-minute holiday gifts, why not consider giving the gift of learning? Continuing Education gift certificates are available for a specific class listed in the course catalog, or in a specific dollar amount. Please call the Continuing Education office at (847) 755-6820 for more information.

To view the Continuing Education Catalog, please [click here](#). For more information, please reference the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs) page in the spring catalog, or you may contact Charles Chamberlain, director of summer school, evening programs, and continuing education, at (847) 755-6820.

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## [DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR DISTRICT 211'S CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES](#)



The opportunity to learn something new every day is still available for individuals looking to enroll in District 211's Continuing Education courses. Course are still available to community members and individuals who are 18 years or older.

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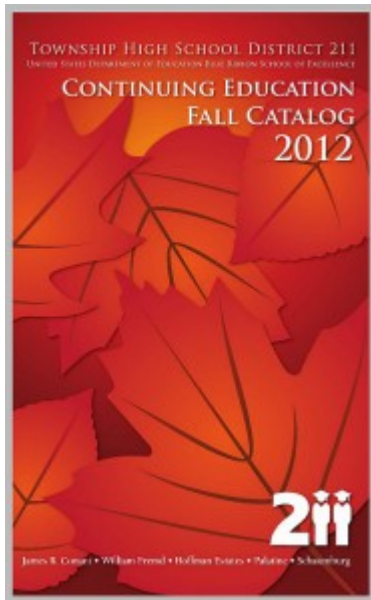
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## [ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2012](#) [CONTINUING EDUCATION NOW OPEN](#)



With an opportunity to learn something new every day, District 211 offers Continuing Education courses to community members and individuals who are 18 years or older. The Continuing Education course catalog, which is available online for fall 2012, offers a wide-range of courses that cater to individual's interests and skill-building needs. Course topics range from foreign language, home improvement, fitness, personal enrichment, cooking, and more.

“Continuing education provides learning opportunities for community members to learn something new,” said Charles Chamberlain, director of summer school, evening programs, and continuing education in District 211. “Our goal is to provide the community with affordable, flexible, life-long learning opportunities.”

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“What’s great about continuing education courses from a teaching perspective is that everyone in the course shares the same interest, and they are there because they want to enhance skills in a particular subject,” Chamberlain said. “It’s also an opportunity capitalize on utilization of building spaces and the District’s numerous resources because if we have them, we should use them.”

Chamberlain said these courses are great opportunities to take advantage of whether you need to enhance Spanish, or are interested in exploring an already existing hobby. If interested in enrolling in a course, individuals can sign up online, using mail, fax, phone, or in person. To access the course catalog, click [here](#).

District 211 is always looking for course suggestions and individuals who would like to apply to teach a course. For more information, contact the Continuing Education department by calling (847) 755-6820.