

Another Oakton Student Population: Continuing Education and Non-credit Students

Oakton offers an array of continuing education and non-credit courses through the Alliance for Lifelong Learning, a consortium comprising Oakton, Evanston, Glenbrook, Maine and Niles High Schools. This month's *In the Abstract* provides an overview of the programs and individuals served through the Alliance. Understanding the Alliance is essential for recognizing the scale and variety of Oakton's programs and services. Data in this *Abstract* were drawn from the Alliance's FY2008 Annual Meeting report; they represent estimates through mid-April for the fiscal year.

- More than **33,600** adult and continuing education course enrollments
- Nearly **50,000** community activity enrollments
- More than 700 students in co-listed courses (students enrolled in Oakton credit courses, but taking the course on a non-credit basis)
- More than **3,000** course sections
- Partnered with **13** high schools and **34** middle and elementary schools on a variety of non-credit courses and activities
- More than **39,500 credits** eligible for state reimbursement at the same rates as Oakton credit courses
- More than **235** course locations
- More than **7,000** enrollments in English as a second language, adult literacy, GED and evening high school
- More than **16,500** enrollments in Professional Continuing Education (CEU) related courses, most in health careers
- More than **\$1.4 million** in grants received

The Alliance partners with a variety of external agencies and organizations to bring unique and responsive programming to the district. Partners and programs include:

- Northern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) – a variety of courses for public safety personnel and first responders
- Workforce Board of Northern Cook Count & Work Net of Northern Cook County – among co-sponsored activities are courses at Westfield Old Orchard in food service sanitation, food safety, English as a second language and Small Business Strategies
- Education To Go – online courses offered through ed2go, a company that specializes in online adult education (non-credit) courses
- Emeritus Program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and brings a wide range of courses and lectures to senior citizens

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