

Office of Extended Learning

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History and Mission

An organized program of extension activities was first established at the University of North Dakota in 1910. Dr. Frank L. McVey, then President of the University, provided the initial support of the University of North Dakota providing life-long learning in his inaugural address in the spring of 1910 when he said, "Education neither begins nor ends with the four years of a college course." To support the mission of life-long learning, the University has been a long-term member of the University Professional & Continuing Education Association, which advances leadership in professional, continuing, and online education by enhancing the ability of higher education institutions to provide high quality continuing and online education programs by promoting standards of good practice in higher education.

In 1968 UND's General Extension Division was changed to the Division of Continuing Education. A restructuring in 1998 resulted in Continuing Education becoming a member of the newly formed Division of Student and Outreach Services. An additional re-organization in 2012 changed the name to Office of Extended Learning, and the unit became part of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

The mission of the Office of Extended Learning is to

- Expand UND's presence by supporting programs that utilize Extended Learning's innovative services.
- Enrich students' experiences through quality face-to-face, hybrid and online educational offerings accessible to all students.
- Facilitate collaboration by bringing together UND, the local community, the state, the country and the world community focusing on lifelong learning.

The vision is to provide quality education and innovative services to lifelong learners. The Office of Extended Learning attempts to determine the educational and informational needs of the citizens of North Dakota that cannot be provided through the regular on-campus programs. Once determined, the goal is to serve those needs whenever and wherever possible, providing the activity is consistent with the policies and philosophy of the University. This is accomplished through a cooperative and coordinated effort with the various academic departments by utilizing their research capabilities and available instructional resources.

Online & Distance Degree Programs

If you are looking for a degree program that can fit into your busy lifestyle, you can take advantage of the online and distance degree programs available from the University of North Dakota. With a variety of degrees designed for working adults, you can earn your degree without interrupting your career.

UND Online & Distance Education coordinates program offerings with the academic colleges and departments, with programs designed to fit adult learners' schedules. Courses are semester-based and are offered in the evenings, on weekends, or online anytime. The delivery method varies with each program, but may include Web conferencing, online, and/or at an off-campus site in North Dakota. Undergraduate online/distance degree programs are available in a variety of subject areas including communication, engineering, general studies, nursing, psychology and social science. Graduate online/distance degree programs are offered in a wide variety of subject areas, and can be found in the graduate section of this catalog.

Online and distance degree programs follow the same admission standards and academic content as the on-campus programs. Students must be admitted to the University, using the regular admission process in order to take distance courses. The content and rigor of the distance courses is the same as is available in on-campus courses.

Additional information can be obtained by calling UND Online & Distance Education: 701.777.3000 or toll-free 1.800.CALL.UND, or by visiting our Website at: <http://UND.edu/online>.

Online & Enroll-Anytime Courses

Online and enroll-anytime courses are available from many UND departments. A complete list of online and enroll-anytime courses can be found at <http://UND.edu/online>. All online and enroll-anytime courses are taught by UND faculty and appear on a student's regular UND transcript.

Online semester-based courses allow students to take classes that may not fit into their schedule, or while they are place-bound for reasons involving work or family. Students looking for the flexibility of taking online classes have many options from which to choose. The online semester-based courses are taught within the regular academic semesters, are eligible for financial aid, charge tuition at the North Dakota resident rate (some exceptions apply), and may be taught either in a "live" synchronous environment with set class meeting times or in an asynchronous environment where students can access course materials at the day and time of their choosing.

Self-paced enroll-anytime courses allow students to enroll at anytime, work at their own pace, and study in a place of their choosing. Students have nine months from their enrollment date to complete a course. Enroll-anytime courses allow the student to learn and grow while managing family and/or work responsibilities. Courses are offered online, but are not eligible for financial aid.

Additional information can be obtained by calling: 701.777.0488 or toll-free 1.800.CALL.UND ext. 5, email to: UND.online@UND.edu, or by visiting our Website at: <http://UND.edu/online>.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI@UND)

OLLI is UND's lifelong learning program that offers non-credit courses, special events, lectures and trips for adults 50 years and better. OLLI brings learners together to explore challenging and fascinating topics and in turn, rewards instructors with the opportunity to work with mature and intelligent students drawn from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Their broad range of life experience and independence of thought challenges the instructors and enriches the exchange of ideas.

OLLI@UND is based in Grand Forks with a second site in Bismarck, ND. Learners from all educational and socioeconomic levels and backgrounds are encouraged to enjoy the unique benefits OLLI membership has to offer. Individuals are able to choose from a collection of educational offerings during three semesters a year without the pressure of tests or grades.

OLLI@UND is funded in part by the Bernard Osher Foundation, which was founded in 1977 by Bernard Osher, a respected businessman and community leader in the San Francisco Bay area. The philanthropic organization seeks to improve the quality of life for mature residents through post-secondary student scholarships, as well as art, cultural, and educational grants. The Foundation supports 115 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes and 113,000 members on university and college campuses in 50 states.

Additional information can be obtained by calling: 701.777.0488 or toll-free 1.800.CALL.UND ext. 5, by writing: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of North Dakota, 3264 Campus Road, Stop 9021, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9021, email to UND.OLLI@email.und.edu (UND.OLLI@email.UND.edu) or by visiting our website at: <http://olli.UND.edu>.

Personal & Professional Development

Personal & Professional Development provides distance education for non-academic credit and certification programs. Courses are offered to individuals seeking career, professional or personal development. Enrollment is open, allowing students to enroll at any time and complete within a specified time frame. Course completion is flexible and self-paced. Courses are available online or correspondence by mail. Personal & Professional Development is an Eligible Training Provider for Job Service, ND, SD, MN, and MT.

Courses are offered in the following areas: Test Preparation and Review Courses, Business and Professional, Real Estate Pre-Licensure, Dietary Manager and Nutrition, Healthcare and Fitness, Death Investigation, IT and

Software Development, Management and Corporate, Media and Design, and Skilled Trades.

A complete course listing can be found online at <http://und.edu/academics/extended-learning/non-credit/>. Additional information can be obtained by calling 701.777.0488 or toll-free 1.800.CALL.UND ext. 5, e-mail to: UND.Courses@email.UND.edu, or by mail: UND Personal & Professional Development, Gustafson Hall Room 103, 3264 Campus Rd Stop 9021, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9021.

Professional Development for Educators

Professional Development for Educators (PDE) provides continuing education learning events for practicing PreK-12 professional educators to increase their knowledge and develop new skills. Professional development (PD) credit earned through these events, which include face-to face, online or blended workshops, seminars, and conferences, can be used toward renewing a general educator license and as evidence of completion of professional development to apply for school district salary lane changes. The appropriate UND academic departments and colleges review and approve all PDE learning events that are awarded PD credit. The credit approved for these opportunities are 900- and 2900-level credits and may not be applied toward a graduate degree and are not considered degree-eligible credit.

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