

GENEVA COLLEGE *Adult Degree Completion Program*

Start dates for Bachelor of Science classes

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, January 24, 2011
Beaver Falls, Pa.
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

HUMAN RESOURCES

Monroeville, Pa.
Tuesday, February 1, 2011
Johnstown, Pa.
Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Cranberry Twp., Pa.
Thursday, June 2, 2011
Butler, Pa.
Tuesday, June 7, 2011

HUMAN SERVICES

Everett, Pa.
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Johnstown, Pa.
Thursday, March 3, 2011
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, March 7, 2011

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Beaver Falls, Pa.
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
Johnstown, Pa.
Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Cranberry Twp., Pa.
Thursday, June 2, 2011



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HONORING COMMITMENT: DOUG CONNOR

The American people have always been eager to serve the members of the armed forces who have selflessly served us. When it comes to education, the recent Post-9/11 GI Bill has made returning to school an affordable option for many service members. For many soldiers serving active duty, however, both returning to school and finishing a bachelor's degree can be challenging. The Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program has a history of offering a quality yet convenient bachelor's degree program for working adults, and is working on extending that convenience to military members.

When Douglas Connor first enrolled in the ADCP organizational development class 032, he knew there was a chance that he would be deployed within the next 17 months. Despite the uncertainty, finishing his degree was a personal goal and he began his studies in the ADCP in September of 2009.

A few short months later, Doug received the information that he would be deployed overseas and would have to step out of the ADCP at the time. Doug approached Dr. Joseph Stahl,

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Doug Connor at the ADCP Honors Symposium in 2009

FINISH WELL.

If you have prior work experience and perhaps some college experience, the Geneva College ADCP can help you complete a bachelor's degree.

Explore the possibilities and learn more about the program that interests you. Visit our website to find the locations and times of our information sessions, or call 800.576.3111 to set up a personal visit with an enrollment counselor.

www.geneva.edu/adcp_informationsessions



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FROM THE DEAN

We often hear of companies describing their products in terms of value added. That means something that enhances the product is added before the product is delivered to the customer. In an educational context, the phrase “value added” usually refers to the

enhancement that students achieve to their knowledge or skills as a result of their educational experience. In both of these uses, value added is something that is added on top of what one already has. It could be likened to the whipped cream topping on an ice cream sundae — it adds flavor or appearance to a basic product.

However, for Christian education, the concept of value added should not be thought of in terms of a moral topping or capstone on the basic product of a good secular education.¹ Rather, in a Christian educational context, the value added is a dimension of education that should fundamentally change our view of past experiences. In other words, Christian education should transform the very foundation of our lives.

Geneva’s Adult Degree Completion Program, rather than merely adding some “religion” or a few more courses to an education that falls short of a bachelor’s degree, is designed to encourage students to reflectively evaluate their life goals in ways that lead to their transformation.

In a recent survey of ADCP alumni and students, I asked a series of questions about the ways in which their educational experience caused them to question and change perspectives in their professional, personal and spiritual lives. Over two-thirds of the respondents reported that they experienced a change in perspective and a resultant change of behavior in all three areas of their lives. Some of the many responses included: “The ADCP has enlightened my faith, making me feel more complete and happy;” “I found that sharing my personal experiences with Christ can strengthen me as well as others;” “My perspective on events in my life has changed for the better;” and “I have gained a stronger sense of self and confidence in what I believe.”

In the ADCP we encourage students to bring their past educational and life experiences to the classroom to reflect and build upon in ways that enable them to know a true “value added” transformation of past perspectives and a confidence in a renewed foundation for the future.

Call one of the counselors in the ADCP office for more information about classes starting soon near where you work or live.

Ralph N. Phillips

¹ P. Glanzer (2010) in Christian Scholar’s Review, 39 (4), 379-399.

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Spring 2011 Course Schedule

The Bridge Program is designed for busy adults who need to earn credits either to enter the Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program or to complete their degree after finishing the ADCP. This program helps you “bridge the gap.”

Bridge courses meet from 6 to 10 p.m. For course descriptions or to register, visit www.geneva.edu/bridge.

BEAVER FALLS

Geneva College

GOSPEL OF JOHN

3 elective credits

Mondays, January 10 & February 28

COMMUNICATION IN MINISTRY

3 elective credits

Tuesdays, January 11 - March 1

CLASSICAL AND CHRISTIAN CULTURES

3 humanities core or elective credits

Thursdays, January 13 - March 3

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

Regional Learning Alliance

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

3 natural science core or elective credits

Mondays, January 10 - March 7

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3 elective credits

Wednesdays, January 12 - March 2

Class enrollment is limited.

Register and begin class up to January 13.

Bible Challenge Exams

For prospective and current ADCP students

- BIB 112 Biblical Introduction I Old Testament
- BIB 113 Biblical Introduction II New Testament

Courses fulfill core requirements for community ministry majors, as well as elective requirements for human resources, organizational development and human services.

Earn three semester hours for each exam.

BEAVER FALLS, PA.

Saturday, January 22, 2011

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Advance registration required. Call for details and study guide. 800.576.3111 • adcp@geneva.edu

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his research instructor, letting him know that he wanted to overcome this obstacle to achieve his degree. The Geneva College ADCP staff wanted to provide a way for Doug to complete his courses without a negative impact on his academic standing or financial aid. Dr. Stahl made it clear that the ADCP would be “honoring Doug’s commitment to stick with it.”



Doug, like so many adult students, has made a commitment to complete his education. Yet in his circumstance, his plans were disrupted beyond his control. The ADCP staff and faculty were just as committed to Doug’s goal as he was. The OD 032 class was able to video conference with Doug, who was given the time off to virtually attend his classes, using little software. Dr. Stahl commented that “no one should have to rule out options because of unwillingness on the end of Geneva.” And so, with the combined efforts of Doug and the ADCP, along with some technology, Doug was able to present his project in a room of a building in downtown Pittsburgh, while seated in front of his laptop in the Middle East.



Now that Doug has safely returned to the states, he will be starting the second term of the ADCP in organizational development class 038. He’s looking forward to finishing his degree in April 2012—a feat made possible by dedication and hard work by both Doug and the ADCP. “I like the support Geneva College staff has given me. They have a lot of patience and encouragement for what I want to do,” Doug comments. Dr. Stahl echoes the sentiments of Geneva College when he adds, “just because you run into challenges doesn’t mean you can’t fulfill your potential.”

LOCAL SCHOOLS OFFER NEW HOMELAND SECURITY DEGREES

Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program applauds local community colleges on their initiative to bring homeland security and emergency management education to the area.

The greater Pittsburgh area, also known as Pennsylvania Region 13, is a high priority homeland security area yet there are few educational opportunities in southwestern Pennsylvania for homeland security and emergency management-related work. Because of its population of over 3 million people and its growing industry, there is a need for trained and experienced emergency personnel to insure the safety of the surrounding communities. In light of this deficiency, the community colleges in Region 13, Westmoreland Community College, Butler County Community College, Community College of Beaver County and Community College of Allegheny County are developing and offering homeland security associate degrees and certificate options.

The new degrees and certificate options will prepare students for entry-level technician or support positions and will provide those currently working in homeland security and emergency management positions with continuing education opportunities. Geneva College considers credits earned towards the homeland security associate degree from these schools in transfer towards the completion of a bachelor’s degree from Geneva College ADCP to provide students with a well-rounded and multifaceted education.

APPLAUSE

ELIZABETH PAINTER '99, ADCP Human Resources Class 079, Butler, has graduated with her master’s degree in professional writing from Chatham University and is pursuing a certificate in children’s literature. Currently, Ms. Painter is working as a freelance writer and as the Customer Service Manager for Oxbridge Researchers.

TERESA WAUGERMAN '08, ADCP Human Resources Class 221, Everett, has been promoted to assistant professor at Allegany College of Maryland. Ms. Waugerman is a certified and licensed occupational therapy assistant (COTA/L) and is enrolled at Frostburg State University for a master’s degree in education.

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