Like many adult students, Susan was concerned that she would not be able to return to school to finish her human services degree because of the cost. “I didn’t want to go further into debt than I already was from my previous classes,” she says.

Many adults are leery of the price tag attached to completing a college degree, especially in the wake of the recent recession. But the Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program strives to make a quality, convenient education affordable for everyone. While the financial commitment is still substantial, the availability of financial aid for ADCP students has lessened this burden.

Susan simply filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and worked with her enrollment counselor to develop a financial aid package that fit her needs. With state and federal grant money and the Geneva scholarship she received for being a member of Phi Theta Kappa, she ended up paying only a little over $1,000 per term, an amount that was covered by her student loans.

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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
Geneva College recognizes that you have a real life, and that you often cannot lay aside commitments even for a brief period of time. In response, the college created the Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP) over 20 years ago.

Finances create a challenge that often prevents students from returning to college. But financial aid through grants and loans makes it increasingly possible for a working adult to earn a degree. In “Overcoming Obstacles” (pg. 1), find out how Susan, a human services student, was able to afford a bachelor’s degree because of financial aid opportunities available through the ADCP.

The ADCP also removes the barrier of distance by offering its programs in 11 different locations in Western Pennsylvania. The chances are good that one of these sites will be an easy commute from where you live or work. In addition to finances and location, obstacles confronting adults seeking to return to college are time and support. Some people turn to online courses to fit classes into their busy schedules, but unfortunately, these programs do not offer the support systems that face-to-face classrooms do, and graduation rates are rather low. Geneva’s ADCP offers traditional classes scheduled one evening per week for 17 months, putting the end in sight at the beginning. There are online components to the ADCP, but most instruction is delivered in a classroom by professors willing to help students solve problems with their work or schedules. Classes meet together as groups, or cohorts, that encourage each other throughout the length of the program.

Adult students returning to college often express their concern that they will not be able to connect to their college work because it seems so abstract and disconnected from their lives. But those in the ADCP find that their studies often have practical application to their daily employment. “I am so pleased that I can apply nearly everything that I learn in class to my work,” one student told me after class one night. Don’t let the barriers of finances, schedule, support and irrelevance collide with your need to complete your bachelor’s degree. Join the thousands of adult students who have completed their degrees at Geneva College, turning life-long barriers into opportunities.

**BRIDGE PROGRAM**

*Summer 2010 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.

**ACE 109 INSECTS: IDENTIFICATION, STRUCTURE, LIFE CYCLES & CONTROL**
1 elective credit

Tuesday, June 1 & June 8

**ACE 108 ECOLOGY OF WILDLIFE**
1 elective credit

Tuesday, June 22 & June 29

Class enrollment is limited. For registration and financial aid information, call 888.576.3111. Register online at www.geneva.edu/bridge up to June 22.

**Obstacles (continued from front)**

However, even if tuition is affordable, adding classes and homework into the balancing act of work, family and personal time can be intimidating. Angela, a human resources student, had hesitations about returning to school because she knew that it would be a significant time commitment. And while she was looking for a convenient program, she still wanted one that she felt would be manageable. I didn’t have to give up any part of my life and was able to get my degree,” she says. “This program was exactly what I needed.”

The staff and faculty in Geneva’s ADCP recognize that students in varying stages of life will face different barriers. The responsibilities faced by older adult students as opposed to traditional students can create seemingly enormous obstacles to a bachelor’s degree. Faculty, staff and enrollment counselors work with each student to help them reach their dreams and overcome those obstacles.

Just because you run into challenges doesn’t mean you can’t fulfill your potential,” says ADCP instructor Dr. Joe Stohl. “Is it easy? No. Is it achievable? Absolutely.”

**APPLAUSE**

**ROBERT SEKERAK, ’09, ADCP Organizational Development Class 627, Johnstown, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Registrar at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.**

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**Bible Challenge Exams**

For prospective and current ADCP students

BB 112 Biblical Introduction I Old 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, September 11, 2010

Saturday, January 22, 2011

**PITTSBURGH, PA.**

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Advance registration required.