FALL 2019

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Shelton

Valley Regional Adult Education
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Welcome to Our Fall Semester!

Valley Regional Adult Education (VRAE) is proud to announce the Adult Learning Center’s new location in The Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove Street in Shelton. VRAE has served the Valley community for 50 years and is dedicated to building a stronger community through education. We prepare community members to obtain their high school credentials, improve their English language skills, prepare for the U.S. citizenship test, and enjoy life-long learning classes.

In our Enrichment Program, we offer over 90 classes throughout the Valley, 10 exciting bus trips, and more than 350 online courses available year-round for anytime, anywhere learning. Listing start on page 3.

FREE Academic Programs for the residents of Ansonia, Derby, Monroe, Seymour and Shelton include GED®, Adult High School Credit Diploma, Citizenship and English as a Second Language classes. In collaboration with West Haven Adult Education, we offer a third option for residents to obtain their high school diplomas. For more information, see pages 12-13.

We encourage you to join us and also, share this information with your friends, neighbors and family. Don’t miss this opportunity! Browse this catalog, visit our website, www.vrae.org, or give us a call at 203.924.6651. We would love to hear from you.

— Debra Hansen, Director

VRAE...Building a Stronger Community

At Valley Regional Adult Education, we are committed to developing a sense of “community education” in which local citizens, schools, agencies, and businesses work together to address the educational needs of the Valley community. Our goal is to be a vital organization, responsible for creating an environment that continually fosters 100% engagement of students and staff through:

Commitment • Integrity • Innovation and Creativity • Quality

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Fall 2019 Enrichment Courses

**FITNESS**

**Walk, Weights & Abs**
This class consists of walking with aerobic moves and patterns, light weights to sculpt and tone the lower and upper body, and an abdominal workout. No class 11/5.

Deborah Bailey
Shelton Intermediate School
Tuesdays, 6:00 - 6:45PM
10 Sessions, begins September 17
$99 507S

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 6:45PM
6 Sessions, begins January 7
$59 507S - Winter

**Zumba**
A fun, effective fitness program that combines easy-to-follow moves to Latin and international rhythms. No experience needed. Bring water, wear supportive sneakers. Drop-ins welcome $10 per class (cash/check).

Michelle Collings
Shelton Intermediate School
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15PM
10 Sessions, begins September 18
$79 505S

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:15PM
6 Sessions, begins January 8
$49 505S - Winter

**New! Belly Dancing**
Belly dance is empowering, uplifting and fun. This low impact physical activity provides an aerobic workout and strengthens and tones your core muscle groups. Held at A Time for Us, Belly Dance and Fitness Studio, Bart Center, 600 Main St. 2nd floor Suite 5, Monroe.

Deborah Bailey
Thursdays, 7:15–8:15PM
10 sessions, begins September 19
$99 504S

**Classes at TAD-G’s Fitness For Women**
*386 East Main St., Ansonia*

**New! Latin Kettlebell Fusion**
Dance followed by some light-weight Kettlebell moves then dance again! A fun and happy effective workout! All levels.

Terry DiGiacomo-Galla
Mondays, 5:00 – 6:00PM
8 Sessions, begins September 9
TAD-G’s Fitness For Women*
$79 506Y

**POUND Fit!**
Using light-weight ripstiks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND transforms drumming into an effective workout. All levels.

Terry DiGiacomo-Galla
Mondays, 6:30 - 7:15PM
8 Sessions, begins September 9
TAD-G’s Fitness For Women*
$79 506Y

**Turbokick**
Ready to become a total knock-out? With fun, rhythmic cardio kickboxing moves and high-energy music, you’ll get ultra-lean and toned—while having a blast!

Terry DiGiacomo-Galla
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30PM
8 Sessions, begins September 11
TAD-G’s Fitness For Women*
$79 509Y

**Classes at Fitness for Life**
*90 Bridgeport Ave., Shelton*

**New! Women’s Empowerment and Self-Defense**
Join us for this fun, hands on self-defense seminar. Learn escapes from arm grabs, hair grabs, and more. Improve self-awareness in everyday situations. Ages 16+.

Ellen Reichelt
Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00PM
1 Session, October 19
Fitness for Life*
$39 511Y

**New! Fitness Kickboxing**
Get fit with fun and empowering moves. Kick and punch on bags then stretch and breathe all in a super supportive, non-judgmental, clean, modern school. Kickboxing gloves available for $21.25 or bring your own.

Master Ellen Reichelt
Mondays & Wednesdays,
6:15 - 7:00PM
11 Sessions, begins September 23
Fitness for Life*
$129 512Y1

Mondays & Wednesdays,
6:15 - 7:00PM
11 Sessions, begins November 4
Fitness for Life*
$129 512Y2

**New! Strength Training**
Need to start working out, but not sure where to start? Resistance Bands help make long, lean strong muscles without the next day soreness. Classes are super supportive and non-judgmental.

Ellen Reichelt
Tuesdays & Thursdays,
6:15 - 7:00PM
11 Sessions, begins September 24
Fitness for Life*
$129 513Y1

**New! Karate for Adults**
Increase your self-confidence with karate and get EMPOWERED! Learn kicks, punches, simple self-defense techniques and more in a super supportive, non-judgmental, clean, modern school.

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**More Classes, See Mind & Body, page 10**

Visit vrae.org for more information on instructors and classes!
GOLF

For golfers wanting to learn about the game in a fun, small group setting. For beginners, the fundamentals of the golf swing will be worked on. Advance beginners work on getting your game more consistent and breaking down your swing. Clubs will be provided if you do not have any. Plan on bringing your clubs starting the second class.

Frank Selva
John G. Prendergast School
(Ansonia)

BEGINNER
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:30PM
6 Sessions, begins September 17
$149 800A

ADVANCED BEGINNER
Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30PM
6 Sessions, begins September 17
$149 801A

MIND & BODY

New! Stepping Into Your Greatness
Achieve success, happiness, health and wellbeing by simply changing your thoughts. Learn how to break bad habits and diminish negative behaviors and beliefs. If you have wanted to change your life; lose weight, start a new career, go back to school, travel the world, start a new relationship, this class will help inspire and empower you to take the leap of faith and become the person you were always meant to be.

Dr. Lori Monaco
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM
1 Session, October 7
Shelton Intermediate School
$25 238S

New! Laughter is the Best Medicine
Can laughter really heal you? Learn the science of laughter, how it affects the brain and the body and how it can reduce pain, depression, and anxiety. You will be taught simple techniques and ideas to bring more laughter into your life and yes...you will be laughing a lot as you learn! Great for caregivers and those dealing with health challenges.

Dr. Lori Monaco
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM
1 Session, October 28
Shelton Intermediate School
$25 235S

Mindfulness...for Stress Reduction, Relaxation, and A Better You!
This wonderful lecture discusses mindfulness, how to create mindfulness in your life and why this is so vital and necessary for today’s living! There is a meditation segment so be prepared to feel like you are going to float away by the end of the workshop!

Dr. Lori Monaco
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM
1 Session, September 16
Shelton Intermediate School
$25 237S

New! The Miracle of Mindfulness – A Practical Approach to a Richer Life
Take a deep and gentle look into the application of mindfulness in daily life. Benefits: reduced stress, improved relationships, and a deeper appreciation for life.

Bruce Nichols
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00PM
4 Sessions, begins October 2
Shelton Intermediate School
$39 671S

New! Astrology
Astrology is much more than your sun sign! A chart can show your hidden personality, career potential, love, talents, life challenges and rewards. Review your past and reveal the trends of your future. Bring your birth date, place and time.

Jamie Dellavolpe
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM
4 Sessions, begins September 18
Shelton Intermediate School
$69 670S

New! Communicate with Your Angels
Connect and communicate with your Angels and Spirit Guides. Receive loving, guided, inspiring messages. All angel messages will empower you with their loving support, healing, insight and guidance.

Robin Tesei
Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM
1 Session, October 23
Shelton Intermediate School
$39 244S

Tarot
Tap into your inner wisdom and explore your intuition through the magic and mystery of the tarot. Bring a tarot deck to class.

Sally Russo
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM
4 Sessions, begins October 1
Shelton Intermediate School
$69 214S

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Whispers from Heaven
Experience the energy and messages of a psychic mediumship reading. This is a gallery reading, not everyone is guaranteed a reading. No drinking of alcohol before the reading; no late admittance.

Patricia Griffin
Thursday, 6:30PM - 8:30PM
1 Session, October 17
Shelton Intermediate School
$29  688S

EFT Emotional Freedom Technique (Tapping)
Discover EFT and tap your way to better emotional health today. This easy-to-learn self-help method aids to alleviate stress and address emotional factors that result in bad habits. Instructor is a certified EFT practitioner.

Terry Hernon
Tuesday, 6:30PM - 8:15PM
1 Session, September 24
Shelton Intermediate School
$39  456S

Weight Loss Hypnosis
Use hypnosis to lose pounds by changing your relationship with food. Remove the need and desire to overeat. Instructor is a certified hypnotist.

Fern Tausig
Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30PM
9 Sessions, begins October 21
Shelton Intermediate School
$75  221S

Tai Chi
“Meditation in motion” is a centuries-old Chinese discipline used for health, meditation and self-defense. Emphasis on relaxation and strength. No class 10/14.

Gwen Roman
Shelton Intermediate School
BEGINNERS
Mondays, 6:50 - 7:40PM
10 Sessions, begins September 16
$99  652S

INTERMEDIATE
Mondays, 6:00 - 6:50PM
10 Sessions, begins September 16
$99  654S

FALL YOGA CLASSES

New! Laughter Yoga
Laughter yoga increases the oxygen supply to the brain and body, potentially resulting in reduction of stress and physical pain. Each class includes a warm-up, movement with laughter, laughter meditation, and a calming meditation.

Dr. Lori Monaco
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00PM
2 Sessions, begins September 23
Shelton Intermediate School
$49  670D

New! Hatha Yoga and Meditation Seminar
Enjoy a restorative Hatha Yoga session preparing the body for a silent seated meditation followed by a guided meditation. Feel focused, rested, and renewed! Ages 14+. Bring mat. Held at TOP Martial Arts and Fitness For Life, 90 Bridgeport Ave., Shelton.

Ellen Reichelt & Amba Jeanne Dziewulski
Saturday, 1:00 - 4:00PM
1 Session, September 28
TOP Martial Arts & Fitness for Life
$49  5I1Y

Gentle Yoga
A simple yet profound experience of connecting body, mind and spirit. Eliminate stress and tension and experience peace of mind. Increase flexibility, reduce stress, and bring calm to your life. Bring a mat or blanket and wear loose, comfortable clothing. No Class 10/14.

Beverly Corvino
Shelton Intermediate School
BEGINNERS
Mondays, 6:00 - 7:30PM
9 Sessions, begins September 16
$89  610S Adv Mon

ADVANCED BEGINNERS
Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00PM
10 Sessions, begins September 18
$99  610S Adv Wed

WINTER – All Levels
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30PM
9 Sessions, begins December 4
No class 12/25, 1/1.
$89  614S Winter

WORLD LANGUAGES

German
For those with little or no prior exposure to this language but want to learn because of heritage, interest or for travel. Learn from a native speaker. Bring the book German in 10 Minutes a Day.

Ursula Michaelis
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM
6 Sessions, begins October 9
Shelton Intermediate School
$99  314S

Polish
Learn Polish from a native speaker. Learn the language or brush up on your knowledge. Book fee of $20 payable to the instructor the first day of class.

Aneta Matyosczyk
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM
6 Sessions, begins September 18
Ansonia High School
$99  305A

Italian
Learn the basics of this beautiful language. Food, travel, lodging, restaurants, shopping and more. Bring the book Italian Made Simple to class. No Class 11/5.

Sylvana Serravezza
Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30PM
6 Sessions, begins September 17
Shelton Intermediate School
$99  303S1

Spanish
Learn the basics of Spanish and practice conversational skills for travel, work or daily life. Book required, instructor will email with the information.

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM
6 Sessions, begins September 18
Shelton Intermediate School
$99  311S1

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Watercolor Painting
Explore watercolor painting including techniques for using watercolor as an expressive and versatile art. Demonstrations and step-by-step instruction. Bring a watercolor pad, paint kit and brushes to the class the first day. No class 10/14.

Stephen DiRienzo
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:30PM
6 Sessions, begins September 16
Shelton Intermediate School
$99 805S

New! Twisted Tangle
Learn a meditative drawing art form. Spend time encouraging your creative flow through the use of tangle patterns.

Rosemarie Main
Monday, 6:45PM - 8:45PM
1 Session, September 30
Shelton Intermediate School
$29 806S

New! Needle Felting
Needle felting transforms wool roving yarn into 3D sculptures using a special needle. Learn to needle felt a cute Fall Pumpkin about 2.5” tall out of 100% wool. Material fee of $5 payable to the instructor the day of class.

Kayleigh Mihalko
Saturday, 10:00AM - 12:00PM
1 Session, October 19
Adult Learning Center, Shelton
$39 908V2

New! Mixed Media Altered Bottle Art
Transform used wine bottles, mason jars or other glass bottles into decorative vases. Learn techniques to apply paint to create a one of a kind work of art that you will be proud to display. Photos on vrae.org. $10 material fee includes bottle due to instructor each class.

Ximena Acosta Espin
Saturday, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
1 Session, September 21
Adult Learning Center, Shelton
$39 908V1

New! Bead Embroidery
Learn to add beads to your projects. This technique can be applied to jewelry, fiber art, quilting, clothing or anything you wish to add your personality and special touch. Photos on www.vrae.org. $15 material fee due to instructor the day of class.

Ximena Acosta Espin
Saturday, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
1 Session, September 28
Adult Learning Center, Shelton
$39 908V3

New! Tunisian Crochet
Tunisian crochet (the afghan stitch) is a variation of regular crochet, using a long hook resembling a knitting needle with a crochet hook on the end. Basic knowledge of crochet needed. Material fee of $10 payable to instructor the first day of class. Tunisian hook and yarn will be provided. Held at Foran High School, 80 Foran Road, Milford.

Deborah Zotian
Tuesday, 6:00PM - 8:00PM
4 Sessions, October 8
Foran High School, Milford
$65 204M

New! Furniture Painting
Learn the basics of the Annie Sloan Chalk Paint® method, including: two-color finish, smooth/modern, rustic finish, and colored wash, plus wax application, dry brushing, frottage, ombre finish, and more. No chemicals or stripping. $10 materials fee due to instructor each class.

Daniella Toto
Shelton Intermediate School
Tuesdays, 5:30- 9:00PM
2 Sessions, begins October 1
$125 902S

Tuesdays, 5:30- 9:00PM
2 Sessions, begins November 12
$125 902S1

Tuesdays, 5:30- 9:00PM
2 Sessions, begins January 14
$125 902S2-Winter

Know Your Sewing Machine
Find out how to use your sewing machine. A pattern is not required for this class, fabric supplied. Students must bring a portable sewing machine and basic supplies (thread, scissors, 6” ruler, needles). This class is NOT suitable for Serger machines.

Josephine Lifrieri
Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30PM
1 Session, September 18
Shelton Intermediate School
$39 904S

Sewing Class
Expanded to 8 sessions! Learn the fundamentals of selecting fabric, reading a pattern, layout, cutting and stitching. Class limit 8. Prerequisite: Familiar with the basic operation of a sewing machine. Bring a portable sewing machine (not required the first class) and basic supplies (thread, scissors, 6” ruler, needles). This class is NOT suitable for Serger machines.

Josephine Lifrieri
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30PM
8 Sessions, begins September 25
Shelton Intermediate School
$169 902S

Woodcarving
This course is for beginners wanting to learn the art of woodcarving, and will guide you through the steps needed to finish a hand-carved piece. Tools supplied. Held at Jonathan Law High School, 20 Lansdale Ave., Milford.

Ken Cowden
Mondays, 6:30 - 8:30PM
5 Sessions, begins September 23
Jonathan Law High School
$75 201M
Woodworking
Plan and complete your own project while learning fundamentals of woodworking and the proper use of various large power tools. Note: class dates are subject to change based on instructor’s schedule. Held at Jonathan Law High School, 20 Lansdale Ave., Milford.

Chris Sweetwood
Jonathan Law High School
BEGINNER
Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00PM
6 Sessions, begins September 25
$99 202M

ADVANCED
Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00PM
6 Sessions, begins September 26
$99 203M

Digital Photography
Explore the basic and advanced features of your interchangeable dSLR camera. One class will meet on a Saturday afternoon to shoot landscapes. Email the instructor with questions: schmittphoto@hotmail.com. Bring your dSLR camera and manual to class.

Brian Schmitt
Shelton Intermediate School
BEGINNER
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM
6 Sessions, begins September 18
$149 152S

ADVANCED
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00PM
6 Sessions, begins November 6
$149 153S

Microsoft Excel
Learn screen elements, navigation and selection techniques to create and edit your spreadsheet. Bring a USB flash drive to save your work. No Class 10/9.

Bonnie Waring
Masuk High School (Monroe)
BEGINNER
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30PM
4 Sessions, begins September 18
$125 105M1

INTERMEDIATE
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:30PM
4 Sessions, begins October 23
$145 105M2

Online Technology Classes
- Intro QuickBooks Online
- Introduction to SQL
- Introduction to Python 3 Programming
- Adobe Products
- Computer Skills for the Workplace
- PC Troubleshooting
- Technology Certification Prep
- Technical Writing

More than 100 classes to choose from. Prices range from $99 - $119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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Online Arts & Crafts Classes
- Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking
- Introduction to Journaling
- Sound And Art: Using The Ears And Eyes To Heal
- Drawing for the Absolute Beginner
- Start Your Own Arts and Crafts Business

Prices range from $99 - $119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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VRAE Fall 2019 Enrichment Courses

DANCE

New! Bollywood Dance
Learn the Bollywood dance form, a mix of Indian classical dance and hip hop. A great way to break a little bit of sweat while having fun and listening to happy music. Held at Bollywood Studios, 477 Main St, Monroe, CT 06468

Jigna Trivedi
Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:00PM
8 Sessions, begins September 17
Bollywood Studios
$109 500Y4

New! Adult Tap
Come learn, exercise and laugh as you shuffle, chug and buffalo along to great music. Wear comfortable clothes, tap shoes or sneakers and bring a water bottle. Tap shoes can be purchased a week before class for $35. Held at Step By Step Dance Academy, 495 River Road, Santo’s Plaza 2nd Floor, Shelton.

Stephanie Rose
Fridays, 6:30 – 7:15PM
8 Sessions, begins September 20
Step By Step Dance Academy
$119 500Y3

Ballroom Dance
Learn basic elements and techniques of ballroom dances under the direction of our professional instructor. You will be introduced to a variety of dances. Instruction will be given in step patterns, timing, continuity, and style while learning to lead or follow successfully. The purpose of this class is to promote and develop confidence on the dance floor. Wear comfortable clothes and non-slip shoes (sneakers ok). Fee per couple. Limited to 12 couples.

NEW INSTRUCTOR!
George Maderski
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30PM
8 Sessions, begins September 18
Shelton Intermediate School
$159 502S

Country Line Dance
Enjoy learning to line dance from the basic steps to putting them all together with various assortment of music rhythms. Come have fun learning easy steps as you move in this low impact dance form. No partners needed. No open toe or heeled shoes allowed. No class 11/5.

Rebecca Williamson
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM
8 Sessions, begins September 17
Shelton Intermediate School
$99 503S

CAREER & WORK

New! Public Speaking
Speaking to a group of people is one of the most time-effective ways to share your message. Learn how to clarify your message, connect with your listeners and keep conversations going. Tips to control your speaking nerves will be practiced. $25 material fee due instructor the first day of class.

Beth Stoller
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00PM
3 Sessions, begins September 16
Shelton Intermediate School
$69 468S

CT Security Officer Certification Course
Upon successful completion of the course, approved by the CT State Police, Special Licensing and Firearms Unit, you will obtain a certificate required to obtain your CT Security Officer Identification Card (Guard Card) allowing you to work as a uniformed security officer for licensed CT employers.

Joseph Porto
Saturday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM
1 Session, September 28
Adult Learning Center, Shelton
$99 550V

You’re on the Air!
(How to Really Make it in Voice-Overs!)
Learn to get around the competition and turn voice-overs into a thriving business! You’ve heard the instructor - now hear him live as he illustrates how to use your speaking voice for commercials, films and videos!

James Seawood
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM
1 Session, October 7
Shelton Intermediate School
$49 204S

Bookkeeping Basics
Learn the basics of bookkeeping, how to analyze and record financial transactions, and prepare various financial reports. Topics will include: accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll procedures, sales taxes and other common banking activities.

Helga Bowen
Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:45PM
4 Sessions, begins October 23
Shelton Intermediate School
$99 225S

Online Career & Work Classes & Training
Prepare for a career or enhance your career in:

- A to Z Grantwriting
- Fitness Business Management
- Accounting Fundamentals
- Grammar Refresher
- Project Management Fundamentals
- Medical Terminology

There are over 300 career training courses available online.

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HOME & GARDEN

New! Interior Design Series
Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30PM
Shelton Intermediate School

Floor Plans
Start planning the room YOU want to create. Create a focal point, overcome obstacles and draw a floor plan. Design your room using existing furnishings and discuss how to budget for future purchases. See your room through new eyes.

Holly Dar
1 Session, October 10
$59

New! Prepare the Garden for Fall and Winter
Fall lawn maintenance, winterizing plants and the planting of garden bulbs tips and techniques will be shared in class. Bring your questions.

Karel Julian
Monday, 6:30 – 8:00PM
1 Session, September 23
Shelton Intermediate School
$25

New! Plant Safety: Two Sides to Every Leaf
Choose your house and yard plants with knowledge as to whether or not they are harmful to humans or pets. Plants can contain dangerous leaves, flowers and berries. Increase your awareness of common toxic plants and what to safely purchase.

Karel Julian
Monday, 6:30 – 8:00PM
1 Session, October 7
Shelton Intermediate School
$25

Blending Fabric Patterns
Learn how to blend colors, mix textures and choose paint colors. Discuss the psychology of color and how it affects your decorating scheme. Address the challenges of your design process. Begin a color board for your project.

Holly Dar
1 Session, October 17
$59

Floors, Walls and Lighting
Discover the type of flooring best for your room and how to address the lighting in the room and what to put on the walls. Learn some tips on hanging artwork, mirrors and other decorations.

Holly Dar
1 Session, October 24
$59

Online Home & Garden Classes
• The Power of Design: Healthy Buildings, Healthy Communities
• Nature And Healing: The Power Of Connection
• Start Your Own Edible Garden
• Growing Plants for Fun and Profit

Prices range from $99 - $119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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**FOOD & NUTRITION**

**New! Gluten-Free Eating**
Learn which foods to eat and avoid if you have Celiac disease, gluten intolerance, wheat sensitivity or wheat allergies. It’s not just in your foods! Recipes will be shared.

Debbie Barbiero  
Monday, 6:30 - 8:15PM  
1 Session, September 23  
Shelton Intermediate School  
$39  
223S

**3-Day Detox Cleanse**
It’s time to get your healthy back on track and reclaim your health! Be guided through a simple 3-day cleanse of fresh, seasonal foods while the instructor prepares one of the meals for you to enjoy during class. Receive a shopping list and recipes for breakfast, lunch and dinner for 3 days. Held at Metamorphosis Body, Mind & Spirit, 32 Woodfield Drive, Shelton.

Debbie Barbiero  
Monday, 6:30 - 8:15PM  
1 Session, September 16  
Metamorphosis Body, Mind & Spirit  
$39  
672S

**How Nutrition Can Reduce Inflammation in Your Body**
Learn which foods to avoid and to include in your diet to give you more energy, reduce pain and bloat, which is a result of inflammation in your body. A great class for people trying to lose weight, manage thyroid, Type II diabetes and other inflammatory diseases.

Debbie Barbiero  
Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:15PM  
1 Session, September 17  
Shelton Intermediate School  
$39  
222S

**New! Thyroid Healing Nutrition**
What you eat affects how your thyroid works. Learn the foods needed to maintain and improve thyroid health and those to avoid while battling thyroid disease. Your instructor improved her health with proper nutrition while battling Hashimoto’s disease.

Debbie Barbiero  
Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:15PM  
1 Session, September 24  
Shelton Intermediate School  
$39  
672S

**Deb’s Healthy Plate Classes**
*At Deb’s Healthy Plate, 32 Woodfield Drive, Shelton*

**Healthy Dinner: Chicken Piccata with Risotto**
Come prepare healthier versions of an old favorite. Cook and learn the nutrition information and tips to improve your health. $10 material fee due to instructor.

Debbie Barbiero  
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM  
1 Session, September 30  
$39  
410Y3

**Homemade Pastas**
Make different homemade pasta and sauce each class: Gnocchi with Bolognese Sauce, Ravioli with Tomato Sauce and Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce. $25 material fee due instructor.

Debbie Barbiero  
Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM  
3 Sessions, begins October 1  
$99  
410Y4

**Healthy Dessert: Chocolate Raspberry Decadence**
Come prepare healthier versions of an old favorite. Cook and learn the nutrition information and tips to improve your health. $10 material fee due to instructor.

Debbie Barbiero  
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM  
1 Session, October 7  
$39  
410Y1

**New! Pierogies**
Learn to make perfect and delicious pierogies. $10 material fee due instructor.

Debbie Barbiero  
Monday, 6:30 - 8:30PM  
1 Session, October 28  
$39  
410Y5O

**Online Food Classes**
- Luscious, Low-Fat, Lightning-Quick Meals
- Start Your Own Edible Garden

Prices range from $99 - $119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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**FAMILY**

**New! Advocacy Training for Caregivers of Children with Special Needs**
Learn about federal laws as they pertain to special education, effective advocacy strategies, and care for the caregiver. This course will empower caregivers to advocate for their children with special needs.

Erin Lamb  
Mondays, 7:00 - 8:00PM  
3 Sessions, begins September 16  
Shelton Intermediate School  
$49  
467S

**New! Medicare Basics**
Are you or a loved one about to turn 65 and getting ready to sign up for Medicare? Attend this Medicare 101 course to learn about Original Medicare, Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D, whether prescriptions are covered, how much it will cost, and the enrollment deadlines. We will also educate you on Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription drug plans, and Medicare Supplement plans. This is an informational seminar.

Cindy Ryall  
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:00PM  
1 Session, begins October 1  
Shelton Intermediate School  
$19  
467S

**New! Google for Parents**
Understanding your Child’s Google Classroom. Many school districts have students use Google Classroom as their learning and homework portal. Parents will learn the components and know the difference between what they can see as a parent and what their child can see in Google Classroom.

Gregory Parkhurst  
Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM  
1 Session, October 16  
Masuk High School (Monroe)  
$39  
127M
New! Researching Your Roots - Step I
Begin to trace your family tree. Be connected to the resources professional researchers use. Start your research in class with access to some of the instructors paid genealogical subscriptions. Bring a laptop or tablet to class.

Sarah Miller
Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:45PM
1 Session, September 24
Shelton Intermediate School
$59  268S

New! Digging Deeper into Your Roots - Step II
Need assistance to delve further and break through family tree roadblocks. This class features a case study of how the instructor solved a challenging ancestral mystery and also introduces international research. Part of the class will be spent on research. Bring a laptop or tablet to class.

Sarah Miller
Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:45PM
1 Session, October 22
Shelton Intermediate School
$59  269S

Online classes

Online Family Classes
• Ready, Set, Read!
• Helping Elderly Parents
• Happy, Healthy Pregnancy
• Understanding Adolescents
• Write Your Life Story

Prices range from $99 - $119. There are 12 sessions per class over 6 weeks, and a new class begins each month.

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Free Academic Programs: Fall 2019 Schedule

Daytime Programs

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident of Ansonia, Derby, Monroe, Seymour, or Shelton.
- All students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size limited.
- Prior to class, all students must complete a registration process.
- New students must take a placement assessment.
- All programs are for students age 17 and older and officially withdrawn from school.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Students improve their reading, writing, speaking and understanding of English. Based on assessment results students are assigned to one of three leveled classes.

Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden
Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton
Monday-Friday, 9:30AM – 12:30PM
REGISTRATION: Thursday, September 12 & Friday, September 13 at 9:30AM
Classes begin on Monday, September 16 9:30AM

ABE/GED® PREPARATION

Students prepare to improve their academic knowledge in Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning through Language Arts in order to take the GED® test. If you are 17 years of age you must also provide a copy of your withdrawal letter signed by your parent/guardian from the last day school you attended to register for class. For more information on the exam visit GED.com. We will assist you to setup your account and you will have the opportunity to take official practice tests in class.

Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden
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Classes begin on Monday, September 16 10:00AM

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# Evening Programs

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Students improve their reading, writing, speaking and understanding of English. Based on assessment results students are assigned to one of three leveled classes.

- **Masuk High School (multi-level class)**
  - 1014 Monroe Tpk., Monroe
  - **Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30PM**

**REGISTRATION:** Monday, September 9 at 6:30PM
Classes begin on Monday, September 16 at 6:30PM

- **Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton**
  - **Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 8:30PM**

**REGISTRATION:** Tuesday, September 10 & Thursday, September 12 at 6:00PM
Classes begin on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00PM

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- **Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove St., Shelton**
  - **Monday & Wednesday, 6:00PM – 8:30PM**

**REGISTRATION:**
- **Monday, September 9 & Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00PM**
- **Monday & Wednesday, 6:00PM – 8:30PM**
Class begins Monday, September 16 at 6:00PM

## ADULT HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT DIPLOMA PROGRAM (AHSCDP)

Students can fulfill the State of Connecticut’s AHSCDP requirements by earning credits needed for high school completion. Classes include English, Math, Science, Social Studies, electives, work experience, training, military experience, community service and transfer of previous credits. Classes are held at the Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center, 54 Grove Street, Shelton. Upon completion of 21 credits of approved instruction, students receive a Valley Regional Adult High School Diploma. Call to begin the registration process, 203.924.6651.

**SESSION 1:** September-October, **SESSION 2:** October-December
**Classes are held Monday -Thursday, 4:30PM-5:30PM and Monday & Wednesday 5:45PM-7:45PM and Tuesday & Thursday 5:45PM-7:45PM**

## CITIZENSHIP

To become an American citizen is a dream of many who come to this country. Citizenship classes teach American history and government.

- **Shelton Intermediate School**
  - 675 Constitution Blvd. North, Shelton
  - **Wednesday, 5:30PM - 7:30PM**

**REGISTRATION:**
- **Wednesday, September 18 @ 5:30PM**
- **Classes begin on Wednesday, September 18 @ 5:30PM**

## NATIONAL EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

A computer-based high school diploma program for adults who have acquired their academic skills through life and work experiences. Learn more about this new program by attending the Orientation Session.

**ORIENTATION SESSION**
- **Wednesday, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11 & January 8 @ 5:30PM**

**Adult Learning Center at the Richard O. Belden Cultural Center 54 Grove St., Shelton** Register for the Orientation Session by calling 203.924.6651.
TOP 30 ONLINE CLASSES
Ranked by Online Students

1. Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2016
2. Accounting Fundamentals
3. Speed Spanish
4. A to Z Grant Writing
5. Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016
6. Introduction to SQL
7. Grammar Refresher
8. Project Management Fundamentals
10. Discover Sign Language
11. Introduction to Python 3 Programming
12. Accounting Fundamentals II
13. Introduction to QuickBooks Online
14. GRE Preparation - Part 1 (Verbal and Analytical)
15. Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016
16. Human Anatomy and Physiology
17. Explore a Career in Medical Coding
18. Stocks, Bonds, and Investing: Oh, My!
19. Introduction to Interior Design
20. Writing Essentials
21. Effective Business Writing
22. Computer Skills for the Workplace
23. Spanish for Medical Professionals
24. Administrative Assistant Fundamentals
25. Creating WordPress Websites
26. Solving Classroom Discipline Problems
27. Speed Spanish II
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29. GRE Preparation - Part 2 (Quantitative)
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Valley Regional Adult Education, Attn: Enrichment,
54 Grove St, Shelton, CT 06484. The returned check fee is $45.

VRAE ENRICHMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION
• Unless you are notified to the contrary, courses will run as scheduled. You will be notified only if a class is canceled. We do not confirm registrations.
• There is a $6 processing fee charged for each order. This processing fee will be refunded if a class is canceled.
• Classes are for adults only, unless specified.
• STORM DAY POLICY: When bad weather closes the regular public schools or there is an early dismissal ALL classes will be canceled.
• REFUND POLICY: Classes - if you cancel 1 week prior to the start of class you will receive a credit voucher for the class fee. Bus Trips - if you cancel 30 days prior to the trip you will receive a credit voucher for the fee. Credit vouchers can be used for any class/trip and can be shared with others.
• No classes during school vacations, holidays, school parent/teacher conferences or other special events. Your instructor will notify you of any schedule changes.
• For directions and more information, please visit: www.vrae.org.
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