



***Governors State***  
UNIVERSITY

# SCHOOL OF EXTENDED LEARNING



**FALL 2022 CATALOG**



# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

## FALL 2022 CLASS OFFERINGS:

- ***A History of the American Folk Song With Singer/Songwriter/Performer Mark Dvorak***
  - Fridays, Sept. 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7 / 10am - 12pm
  - In-Person, 4-week Class
- ***Ancient and Medieval Technology, Architecture, and Art With Myras Osman***
  - Fridays, Oct. 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4 / 10am - 12pm
  - In-Person, 4-week Class
- ***Cinema Studies: Character Arc in Psychological Drama and Suspense With Suzanne Patterson***
  - Fridays, Sept. 16 – Nov. 4 / 1:00pm-3:30pm
  - In Person, 8-week Class
- **Art History Encounters / 4 weeks / Mornings or Afternoons**
  - Fridays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 7 / 11:00am-12noon
  - Fridays, Oct. 14 – Nov.4 / 2:00pm-3:00pm
  - Virtual Only via ZOOM, 4-week Class

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**Congratulations to Suzanne Patterson** for leading The Knowledge Exchange through the School of Extended Learning for 10 years!

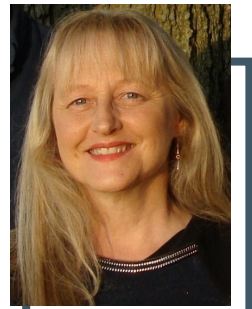
"Collaborating with the volunteer team of class creators and facilitators, who make up The Knowledge Exchange (TKE), continues to be incredibly inspiring and rewarding.

This lifelong learning group of the semi-retired and retired are full of creative ideas which translate into cerebral, thought-provoking, enlightening and yes, even fun, non-credit classes for community members to experience together in a university atmosphere.

TKE participants enjoy a free exchange of ideas and opinions in and out of the classroom and I am proud of the journey TKE has taken since becoming a part of GSU's School of Extended Learning in 2012.

I am also deeply honored to lead my Cinema Studies class in its 10th year for TKE and am grateful for the unwavering support given by both the University and outreach communities."

- ***Suzanne Patterson***





# GSU WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SXL

Governors State University (GSU) welcomes Craig Schmidt as Executive Director of the School of Extended Learning.

As Executive Director, Schmidt, a GSU alumni and College of Business Hall of Achievement inductee (20'), will head the university's hub for non-degree options geared toward working professionals. Schmidt will work with business leaders to identify training opportunities and collaborate with community organizations on grant funding. He will also partner with GSU's colleges and faculty to deliver training that creates innovation and prepares individuals for jobs of the future.

Schmidt comes to GSU from the Calumet Area Industrial Commission, a non-profit organization specializing in economic and workforce development. There, he served as Vice President of Talent Development, leading workforce development efforts linking businesses to educational programs and resources.

With more than 20 years of experience in leadership positions in the public and private sectors, Schmidt has raised over \$25 million for organizations he's worked for. His expertise includes strategic planning and leadership, workforce development, education and training, grant writing, event planning, community engagement and curriculum development. Some of his various roles have included Consultant at CDS Workforce Solutions, Vice President of Community and Economic Development at Prairie State College and Director of Education and Administrative Services at Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

"I'm excited to join GSU and contribute to their excellence in education and to add to its presence as a valuable partner and educator in the Chicago Southland region and beyond," Schmidt said.





# BRING ESL TO PARENTS AT YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BRING ESL TO EMPLOYEES AT YOUR WORKPLACE

We are experienced adult educators with years of experience to bring the best quality instruction to you.

We offer flexible scheduling with day and evening hours.

Classes can be held in-person at your location, on-campus at GSU, or virtually.

**Areas of focus will be determined in cooperation with participants' needs but can include:**

- Integrated Skills
  - Reading and Vocabulary
  - Listening, Speaking, and Grammar
  - Writing and Grammar
- Citizenship Test Preparation
- Basic Computer Literacy Training

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# PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS

## NEW LEADERS MENTOR PROGRAM

Designed to provide a system of support to first- and second- year building leaders. (**Principals, Directors, Coordinators, Deans, Instructional Coaches, etc.**) Each new leader will be matched with an experienced administrator as their mentor. The mentor will work closely with the new leader to help promote success. Mentoring services for the school year will run mid-September through May.

Mentors will meet with their protégés in their district, at an agreed location, or virtually for a minimum of 50 hours through the school year. Mentor/protégé teams will meet monthly at Governors State University for discussions and presentations on topics relevant to their practice.

Districts with first-year principals may be eligible to be funded through the ISBE New Principal Mentor Grant.

Contact Dr. Sandra R. Mickles at [smickles2@govst.edu](mailto:smickles2@govst.edu) for more information!

## BEGINNING TEACHER PROGRAM

The Beginning Teacher Program supports and challenges novice teachers to reach their full potential through professional development meetings and activities with a building mentor. The novice teacher is engaged with their mentor over the two years in activities designed to strengthen the new teacher's practice. The activities address the development of the meta-cognitive skills of the novice teacher and accentuate the importance of becoming reflective practitioners.

Contact Katie Karstensen at [kkarstensen@govst.edu](mailto:kkarstensen@govst.edu) for more information!

## FREE TRAINING for Paraprofessionals



ETS ParaPro  
Assessment Exam Prep

Prepare to pass the **ETS ParaPro Assessment Exam** required to be a Paraprofessional by taking our Teacher's Aide with Paraprofessional Prep Course (130 hours self-paced online).

The curriculum covers:

- **Benchmarks of development for children and adolescents**
- **Classroom management strategies**
- **Instructional control**
- **Positive behavior supports**
- **Intervention strategies for students with various disabilities**

Program participants will work with a Career Success Coach on resume development, job search strategies, and job placement support.

Once employed as a Paraprofessional, earn two additional digital badge credentials (Foundations of Education and Students with Exceptionalities) that count towards your bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education!

Contact [continuinged@govst.edu](mailto:continuinged@govst.edu) or 708.534.4099 with any questions.



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT 1, 2, 3

## 1 PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Not all learning happens within university walls. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a process used to evaluate and provide college credit for the knowledge you have obtained through areas outside of the academic setting.

Join us for an Information Session  
***Credit by Prior Learning Workshop***  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022, Hybrid

## 3 WIOA

Re-train for tomorrow, and start fresh. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federally funded grant program to assist unemployed individuals in entering or returning to the workforce.

Join us for an Information Session  
***Grant Money for School & Training***  
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at GSU

## 2 CAREER TRAINING

Online career training at Governors State University allows for working adults to train for your new career at your own pace, and on your own schedule. SXL offers career training for:

- Business, Office, and Industry
- Computer Programming, Software & Web Development
- Health and Medical Career Training
- Information Technology
- Legal Support Professions
- Supply Chain Career Training
- Skilled Trades



***In-person, virtual, and hybrid workshops available!***



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# TRAINING FOR MANUFACTURING WORKERS

Recently graduated high school students in *Will County* can become Mitsubishi Electric-certified by completing a one week training program and exam that will lead to qualification for entry-level employment as a CNC Machine Operator. The training includes programming, maintenance skills, and soft skills for manufacturing, as well as career services and job search support.

- Manufacturing has been one of the best job growth sectors over the last 5 years, according to the Will County Workforce Board Economic Overview!
- There are dozens of entry-level CNC Machinists positions hiring locally right now!

For more information and to apply, go to:  
[info.govst.edu/manufacturing/mitsubishi](http://info.govst.edu/manufacturing/mitsubishi)

## TRAINING SCHEDULE:

MONDAY NOV. 7	TUESDAY NOV. 8	WEDNESDAY NOV. 9	THURSDAY NOV. 10	FRIDAY NOV. 11
CAREER READINESS & RESUMES	TRAINING WITH MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC			INTERVIEWS WITH EMPLOYERS

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



AN AFFILIATE OF  
THE CHICAGO COMMUNITY TRUST





# SUCCESS STORIES

## ROBERT BETHKE - CSCP & CLTD - WIOA Recipient

"I would like to add that the instructor for the Freight Broker/Agent course was fantastic. Jan Roach encouraged us to email her with any questions we might have, and her response time was fantastic. She was quick to grade our assignments and answer the questions from students on the course discussion board. She was even willing to call me to give me advice when she found out that I am going into business with my friend. I can't say enough about her promptness and willingness to help her students. I am very thankful that I took my courses through Governors State University. The service was fantastic, and Michelle answered all of my questions. I am happy to recommend GSU to anyone who is looking for a quality education."

Next Step: Starting a Business

[Check out our Supply Chain Programs Here](#)



## COMMUNITY & PARENT ESL SUCCESS

District 146 in partnership with Governors State University is providing free English classes in the mornings. There are two classes, High Beginner and Low Beginner and each class has between 13 and 15 participants. Participants have expressed gratitude for the class with one saying "It's not easy, but I don't want to miss class because I want to learn English." Another parent said "I practice at home and my kids help me to say the words in English. Thank you for having these classes."

- Ms. Joanne Clyde, the former CCSD 146 Bilingual Director

"I am very proud of my English improvement because before the English Language Learning Center's program, I wasn't able to understand the people in the streets or even in my job. Right now, I can communicate effectively with most people in English. Also, I am surprised by how many essays and presentations I did. At the beginning, it was harder, but with practice it became easier. What I really loved of this course was learning about different cultures such as Japanese, Cameroonian, and Palestinian. We also read a book called "American Ways" with which we learned about how Americans think, believe and express themselves in general."

- Robert Alvarez, ELLC Graduate



# MILITARY & VETERAN STUDENTS

Your military experience is invaluable. Whether you are active military, transitioning to civilian life, or a dependent or military spouse, continuing your education will ensure your future success. Whatever the mission— we stand by you every step of the way.

**Earn credit for prior military and life experience to save time and money.  
At GSU, we give credit by evaluation!**

**(Joint Service Transcripts/Community College Air Force), standardized testing (CLEP/ DSST)  
and portfolio assessment.**

**Use your GI Bill education benefits towards career training!  
Approved programs include:**

- EKG Technician
- Medical Administrative Assistant
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Clinical Medical Assistant
- Physician's Office Assistant with EHRM
- Medical Billing & Coding with Medical Administration
- Pharmacy Technician with Medical Administration
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Electronic Health Records Management

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