

11 Credit Classes Offered at the Whitman Center this Winter Semester



Monroe County Community College is offering 11 credit classes at its Bedford location during the upcoming Winter Semester, which begins January 16.

Registration for the Winter Semester is underway.

Below is the full schedule for credit classes at the Whitman Center:

Monday through Friday

Emergency Medical Technician II, 7:30-9 a.m.

This is the second in a series of four courses that constitute a certificate as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Monday and Wednesday

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, 2-3 p.m.

Cultural anthropology provides the conceptual and methodological tools necessary to understand the diversity of human lifeways on a global basis. This course is a satisfier course for the Global Studies Degree Designation.

First-year College Success, 3:30-4:50 p.m.

This course focuses on helping students learn and use the skills of successful college students by providing an open forum for discussion that promotes self-awareness and a sense of belonging and purpose.

The Human Body, 1-2:30 p.m. This foundational health course offers an integrated exploration of human anatomy and physiology with a focus on how the body functions in both health and disease.

Introduction to Humanities, 2-3:20 p.m. This course focuses on what the humanities reveal about human values. This course is a satisfier course for the Global Studies Degree Designation.



Tuesday and Thursday

Emergency Medical Technician II, 6-10 p.m., Room 3.

This is the second in a series of four courses that constitute a certificate as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Introduction to Business, 6-7:52 p.m., Room 2.

This course surveys the field of business, focusing on problems, practices and procedures. This course is required by most business curricula and should be taken in the first year.

English Composition I, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room 2.

This is the core course in English composition. It covers primarily expository writing, grammar, analysis and punctuation.

Wednesday

Accounting Principles, 6-7:52 p.m. Hybrid course, Room 2.

The study of accounting theory and principles is applied to service and merchandising enterprises.

Thursday

Principles of Management, 6-7:52 p.m., Hybrid course, Room 4.

Topics include functions of management, decision-making, leading, communicating, controlling, planning, human resources and organizing.

Introduction to Computer Information Systems, 11-12:20 p.m., Hybrid course, Room 5.

This course includes both computer concepts and hands-on use of various computer applications.

To enroll, new students should contact the Office of Admissions at (734) 384-4104 or admissions@monroeccc.edu. Or, contact the Whitman Center coordinator, Rebecca Fournier, at (734) 457-6021 for more information. For current students, registration info can be found at www.monroeccc.edu/registration.

Lifelong Learning at Whitman

Spring Lawn, Garden and Agricultural Classes and Workshops Announced



MCCC's Office of Lifelong Learning will offer a wide variety of non-credit lawn, garden and agricultural classes and workshops at the Whitman Center this spring. All will be hosted by Ned Birkey, Michigan State University Extension educator emeritus and adjunct instructor for MCCC's Agriculture Program who also volunteers on the MCCC Student Ag Farm.

Note: Registration for these offerings will be available in early January. For more information on any of the classes or workshops, please call the Office of Lifelong Learning at (734) 384-4127 or e-mail Tina Pillarelli, director of Lifelong Learning, at tpillarelli@monroeccc.edu. Or, contact the Whitman Center coordinator, Rebecca Fournier, at (734) 457-6021.

Classes and workshops will include:

Grow Green! Monroe County Gardening and Conservation Workshop. Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.-Noon. Cost: \$40.

Join us for a day of learning, inspiration and local expertise! Hear from area professionals and educators who will share tips and techniques for better gardening, landscaping, and environmental care, including:

- Barbara Gregerson, MSU Extension consumer horticulture educator. Learn how to identify and manage vegetable garden diseases to keep your plants thriving.
- Bob Potter, Tucker's Farm Market of Temperance. Discover the secrets to growing tomatoes and peppers successfully, including variety selection, colors and maximizing yields.
- John Creguer, Morgan Farms. Explore organic and non-organic soil fertility amendments perfect for vegetable raised beds and more.
- Lindsey Kerr, MSU Extension horticulture educator. Get informed about new invasive plant and insect species affecting our area, including purple loosestrife and spotted lanternfly.
- Paul Pfeifer, MSU Hidden Lake Gardens. Take a virtual tour of Hidden Lake Gardens and its conservatory, bonsai collection, gazebo garden, and unique dwarf and rare conifers.
- Pete Loughney, River Raisin Institute. Learn the basics of starting seeds indoors and support a good cause with RRI's seedling fundraiser.
- Jackson Cenusa, Monroe Conservation District. Get practical tree planting tips during the district's annual tree sale fundraiser.
- Ned Birkey, MSU Extension educator emeritus. Learn about soil testing and results from an expert who has taught the Master Gardener Soils class.
- Doug's Repair, Temperance. Be ready for spring with a lawn mower maintenance presentation to keep your mower running smoothly all season.

Pesticide Applicator and Basic Lawn/Turf Maintenance.

Thursdays, March 26-April 23. Time TBD. Cost: \$259 (Seniors: \$156). This course will prepare you to sit for the Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development Commercial Core and 3A Turf exams. An additional \$75 upon completion of the course is required to sit for the exam. It will provide the applicator with basic knowledge and understanding of pesticides, how to handle and use them correctly and to be able to protect themselves, others and the environment from misuse.

Putting a Few Areas into Productive Use. Thursday, March 26, 7-8:15 p.m. Cost: \$10. This session is for anyone who owns around ten acres of land and wants to turn some of it into an orchard, evergreen windbreak, a bit of hardscaping, native plantings, a pollinator garden or even a place to raise a few chickens.

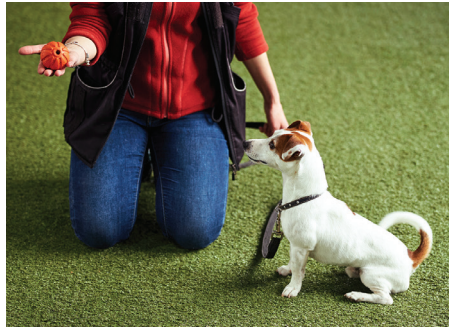
The Plant Doctor's Diary: An Update from the Field. Thursday, April 9. 6:45-8:15 p.m. Cost: \$35. Join Dr. David L. Roberts as he shares highlights from his travels across Michigan helping people and their plants in distress. Hear about real cases involving oak wilt, pine decline, European pear rust, beech bark disease, arbovitae decline, herbicide injury and more.

Soil Testing and Results. Saturday, April 11, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cost: \$35. Learn how to properly collect and submit a soil sample and how to interpret your results.

Understanding Soils and Nutrients. Saturday, April 11, 9:30 a.m.-Noon. Cost \$10. Explore the fundamentals of soil, including soil chemistry, biology and the nutrients essential for healthy plant growth.

Karst Geology in Monroe County. Tuesday, April 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. Monroe County has had documented karst features (think sinkholes) since the mid-1800s. Ottawa Lake was named after a lake that was permanently drained in 1917 due to this unique geology. Monroe County and surrounding areas are one of only three regions in Michigan with this type of bedrock.

Yoga, Dog Training and Art Classes Offered



Beginning in January, MCCC's Office of Lifelong Learning will offer a number of dog training and yoga classes at the Whitman Center; art classes will be offered beginning in March. Below is the full schedule:

Yoga. Dates below. Cost per section: \$59. This yoga class offers a balanced blend of mindful movement, breathwork and relaxation. Suitable for all levels, the session focuses on improving flexibility, building strength, and enhancing mental clarity.

- **Section 1:** Mondays, January 26-March 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Section 2:** Mondays, March 9-April 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Section 3:** Wednesdays, January 28-March 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Section 4:** Wednesdays, March 11-April 15

Puppy Training/Good Manners Class. Thursdays, Jan. 29 - March 5, 6-6:45 p.m. Cost: \$150. Program is the puppy level of the American Kennel Club's well-known Canine Good Citizen program.

AKC Canine Good Citizen/Therapy Dog Prep. Thursdays, Jan. 29-March 5, 7-7:45 p.m. Cost: \$145. The AKC Canine Good Citizen test is the foundation for therapy dog training. This class is based on teaching and training dogs with their handlers through positive reinforcement.

Process-Based Art Exploration. Mondays, March 9-23, 12-2 p.m. Cost: \$119. Are you ready to dive into the joy of making art without the pressure of perfection? In this process-based art class for adults, the journey matters more than the destination. This immersive, hands-on experience invites participants to explore materials, techniques and their own creative instincts in a supportive, nonjudgmental environment.

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EMT Program Expands to Meet County Demand

In fall 2024, Monroe County Community College began offering a new Emergency Medical Technician Certificate Program at the Whitman Center.

In May, the college announced that it was already expanding the two-semester program by adding an evening option for Fall Semester 2025, in addition to the existing morning option.

"Previously, classes were only offered from 7:30-9 a.m., Monday through Friday to accommodate the schedules of area high school students who 'dual enroll', which means they participate in the program while still working toward their high school diploma," said EMT program director Shawn McBride.

He felt that there was enough demand in the county to expand to program if an additional option were offered that was more convenient for adults who work or have other commitments during the daytime.

"We wanted to accommodate such individuals who want to pursue a career in this critical health care field," he said.

His prediction was correct – the program tripled its first-year enrollment.

MCCC's program is designed to prepare students to provide competent care for patients in emergency situations. EMTs provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services system.

After successful completion of the Fall and Winter semesters, students are eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician's (NREMT) exam and become licensed EMTs with the state of Michigan or Ohio.



Training Emergency Medical Services Instructors

In mid-January, Monroe County Community College will launch a new Emergency Medical Services Instructor/Coordinator Course at the Whitman Center.

An EMS instructor/coordinator modifies, delivers, evaluates and coordinates curricular elements of EMS courses and ensures courses comply with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services requirements, said Shawn McBride, MCCC's EMS program director.

Those who successfully complete the non-credit course will be eligible to take the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services EMS Instructor/Coordinator exam. Once licensed, graduates may teach both initial and continuing education courses.

To qualify to take the course, students must have three years of experience working as an EMT in Michigan. A letter from the candidate and a letter of reference is also required.

The course begins on January 15 and will run through May 5 in Whitman Center, Room 3. Classes will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Students will be able to attend the instructor-led classes in-person or virtually, but attendance of at least two in-person sessions is required, McBride said. Those two classes are February 17 and either February 26 or March 5.

The course is state-specific and designed to prepare students only to get a Michigan license.

The registration deadline is January 9, and the course is limited to 15 students. The cost is \$1,750 for the course, and books are included. A monthly payment plan is available.

To enroll, prospective students should call (734) 384-4229 or email sbussell@monroeccc.edu.

For more information, contact Shawn McBride, EMS program director, at the Whitman Center at (734) 457-6057 or smcbride@monroeccc.edu. They can also contact Barry Kinsey, director of workforce development, at (734) 384-4124 or bkinsey@monroeccc.edu.



Whitman Center – Overview of Services

Monroe County Community College's Whitman Center exemplifies the community service commitment of the college to Bedford and the surrounding areas.

For credit programming, part time counselors are available at the Whitman Center for advising purposes during scheduled hours and as needed, and other student services offered on Main Campus are accessible remotely. A variety of credit classes – from business to English to anthropology – are offered on-site, as well as MCCC's Emergency Medical Technician Certificate Program. The program was launched in 2024 with a morning option that meets five days a week. An evening option was launched for Fall Semester 2025 that meets two evenings per week. A Paramedic Program is also planned for the center in the very near future.

Non-credit personal enrichment courses and career/workforce training sessions are also offered at the Whitman Center, which is also available for public use by reservation through the college's facilities rental process. The Monroe County Intermediate School District's Transition Services are also available at the Whitman Center.

