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**LEARNING *in* RETIREMENT**

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## We have moved!

**NEW LOCATION:**  
VSU University Center  
1215 N Patterson Street  
Entrance 1  
Next to Drexel Park

## Testimonials

*“This is a great program and I am thankful to have found this class to help in my continuing education!”*

—Alexa, “Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder”

*“I really enjoy taking classes through VSU. Registration is quick, test scores show immediately, and the courses are helpful and relevant.”*

—Student in “Understanding Aggression”

*“Great class! Dr. Bev provided great instruction from years of experience as a grant writing professional.”*

—Denise, “Become a Grant Writing Consultant”

*“My instructor was phenomenal - quick to respond, very good at explaining things and answering my questions, and very knowledgeable of material.”*

—Sarah, “Intermediate MS Access 2016”

## Mission Statement

Professional & Community Education at Valdosta State University enhances the quality of life in the region by providing educational, artistic, cultural, technological, and economic development activities and programs for children and adults of all ages.

## Frequently Asked Questions...

### Do I have to apply to VSU to take PACE classes? How do I register?

No. All of our classes are open to the public. We have 3 ways to register: online, by phone, and in person.

### Can my minor child take adult PACE classes?

Due to Minors on Campus policies, children under 18 may not participate in online or in-person adult PACE classes.

### What is your refund/cancellation policy?

Unless otherwise stated, full refunds minus \$5 or 5%, whichever is greater, are given by calling 229.245.6484 at least 3 work days prior to the start of the program. No refunds less than 3 work days prior to the start of a class; registrants may send a substitute. No partial refunds for classes missed. Full refunds for classes canceled by VSU.

### Where are courses held? What about parking?

Except where noted, in-person classes are held at the University Center, 1215 N Patterson Street, Entrance 1, Valdosta. Information on the new paperless parking permits will be included with your registration.

### Is financial aid available for PACE classes?

Noncredit courses are NOT eligible for HOPE, PELL, or other federal financial aid. Participants in certain career training courses may be eligible for financial aid from private lenders such as Sallie Mae. Army CA and MyCAA funding is also available for eligible service members and their spouses. In addition, you may be eligible for funding for workforce training through Telamon. See page 5 for more information. Questions? Call 229.245.6484 or email [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu).

## Preparation for PHR/SPHR Certification - Virtual

Prepare for the exam to earn your PHR, SPHR, SHRM-CP, or SHRM-SCP designation. HRCI/SHRM exams not included. (3.5 CEU) Email subailey@valdosta.edu for information and discount code for course materials.

24ABPD01 | 13 Tues | Aug 22 - Nov 14  
6:30 - 8:30 PM ET | \$395

After Aug 1 - \$465 (materials not included)

## Essentials of Human Resources w/aPHR Prep - Virtual

Begin your HR journey or boost your current HR knowledge in this introduction to key HR topics and fundamental issues surrounding HR:

- Business Management/Leadership and Strategy
- Talent Planning and Acquisition
- Learning and Development
- Total Rewards
- Employee & Labor Relations/Employee Engagement

In addition, the course helps prepare you to sit for HRCI's exam to earn your aPHR designation.

Materials are not included. For information and discount code for course materials, email subailey@valdosta.edu.

24ABPD02 | 8 Mon | Sept 11 - Oct 30  
6:30 - 8:30 PM ET | \$299

After Aug 21 - \$349 (materials not included)

For information about all of our programs, scan this QR code



Questions? Call 229.245.6484 or email [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu)

## Food Safety Manager Certification

This one-day class concludes with administration of the ServSafe® Food Safety Manager Certification exam. Textbook & exam included (.8 CEU)

24ABPD03 | Thurs | Sept 21 | 9 AM - 6:30 PM ET | \$199 (After Sept 1, \$239)

24FBPD01 | Thurs | Nov 9 | 9 AM - 6:30 PM ET | \$199 (After Oct 20, \$239)

## ServSafe Proctored Exam-Only

For those studying on their own to take/retake the exam, contact our office for information and exam dates at 229.245.6484 or [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu). Proctoring fee is \$75 and does not include textbook or exam code.

## Performance Management - Virtual

For business owners to HR professionals, learn practical skills and best practices to properly coach, create performance improvement plans, and handle involuntary separations. (1 CEU) Instructor: Jarrod Murray (This training has been submitted to HR Certification Institute for review.)

24ABPD04 | Wed | Aug 23 | 12 - 1 PM ET | \$69

24ABPD05 | Thurs | Aug 24 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET | \$69

24ABPD06 | Fri | Aug 25 | 12 - 1 PM ET | \$69

## Termination Approaches - Virtual

Termination is a stressful process in any organization. Explore the do's and don'ts of handling terminations and how to prepare for issues that may arise post-termination. (1 CEU) Instructor: Jarrod Murray (This training has been submitted to HR Certification Institute for review.)

24ABPD07 | Wed | Sept 13 | 12 - 1 PM ET | \$69

24ABPD08 | Thurs | Sept 14 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET | \$69

24ABPD09 | Fri | Sept 15 | 12 - 1 PM ET | \$69

## Employee Burnout - Virtual

Employee burnout has become one of HR's biggest issues. It contributes to a significant amount of workforce turnover and can sap productivity, undermine employee engagement, and contribute to increased absenteeism. Discover strategies for combating employee burnout in your organization. (1 CEU) Instructor: Jarrod Murray (This training has been submitted to HR Certification Institute for review.)

24ABPD10 | Wed | Sept 20 | 12 - 1 PM ET | \$69

24ABPD11 | Thurs | Sept 21 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM ET | \$69

24ABPD12 | Fri | Sept 22 | 12 - 1 PM ET | \$69

Check at our website for complete details about these classes.

[www.valdosta.edu/pace](http://www.valdosta.edu/pace)



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See complete details at [www.valdosta.edu/pace](http://www.valdosta.edu/pace) under "Certificate Programs." Courses start at \$129 unless otherwise noted. Course bundles start at \$199.

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35+ ALLEGRA\* accredited certificate topics starting at \$89 including:

- Stress Management
- Violence Prevention & Awareness
- Integrative Behavioral Health
- Perinatal Issues
- Pain Assessment & Management

Find more topics at [www.ed2go.com/valdosta](http://www.ed2go.com/valdosta)  
Questions? Email [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu)

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**Choose courses from these and many other topic areas:**

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| • Sales & Marketing       | • Information Technology |
| • Management & Leadership | • Programming            |
| • Project Management      | • Business Writing       |

Find complete course listings with descriptions, pricing, and start dates at [www.ed2go.com/valdosta](http://www.ed2go.com/valdosta).

**IT Boot Camps**

**Build the skills you need for a new career with our intensive, fully immersive boot camps.**

- Cybersecurity Bootcamp | \$4275
- Full Stack Web Development | \$4275
- AI Machine Learning | \$4275
- Data Science and Analytics | \$4275
- Cloud Engineer | \$3895

These bootcamps are offered in a synchronous, live/virtual classroom setting:

- Microsoft Azure Dual Certification | 7 Days | \$4399
- ISACA CISM Training | 5 Day | \$4499
- CompTIA Security+ Training | 5 Day | \$2799
- Ethical Hacking Dual Certification (CEH & PenTest+) 5 Day | \$4599

Details and a complete list of bootcamps are available at [careertraining.ed2go.com/valdosta](http://careertraining.ed2go.com/valdosta) (type "bootcamp" in the search bar).

## You don't need a 4-year degree to get into an high-demand career in Healthcare, Web Design, Information Technology, Business, and more!

Self-paced, Start Anytime    Books/eBooks & Materials Included  
 Financial Assistance Available    Industry Recognized Certifications

### Financial Assistance for Career Training

- **Army CA\*** - Up to \$4000 per year for Active Duty, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard soldiers to pursue training leading to credentials. Learn more/apply at [www.armyignited.com](http://www.armyignited.com).
- **MyCAA\*** - **\$4000 scholarship** to train online for a career that moves with you wherever you are stationed. Learn more and apply at <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>
- **Sallie Mae Student Loans\*** - Flexible loans for our online career training programs. Call or email Sue Bailey for information: [229.245.6484](tel:229.245.6484)/[pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu).
- **Workforce & Career Services\*** - You may be eligible for workforce development funding for career training through *Telamon*. Call [229.333.7550](tel:229.333.7550) or visit [www.telamon.org](http://www.telamon.org) to learn more.

*\*Eligibility requirements apply. Some restrictions may apply. (The Department of Defense and the Department of the Army are neither affiliated with nor endorse Valdosta State University.)*

### Train for a high-demand career ONLINE!

Visit [careertraining.valdosta.edu](http://careertraining.valdosta.edu) to find MORE THAN 350 career training opportunities. *Materials included.*

### Your new career awaits! Start training now.

Self-paced, mentor-supported online courses. Certification exam fees included. More courses and information at <https://valdosta.edu2.com>.

#### Medical Billing & Coding

GES1014 | 12 months | \$2995 | *Exam voucher included*

#### Certified EKG Technician

GES1047 | 12 months | \$1995 | *Exam voucher included*

#### Certified Phlebotomy Technician w/Live Stick Workshop & Lab

GES1046 | 12 months | \$2995 | *Exam voucher included*

#### Veterinary Assistant

GES118 | 6 months | \$2145

#### Patient Access Representative

GES1029 | 12 months | \$2695 | *Exam vouchers included*

#### Pharmacy Technician

GES117 | 12 months | \$2995 | *Exam voucher included*

#### Sterile Processing Technician

GES1028 | 12 months | \$2795 | *Exam voucher included*

#### NASM Personal Trainer & Exam Preparation

GES146 | 6 months | \$1295 | *Exam voucher included*

#### Clinical Medical Assistant\* (available in Spanish)

6 months | \$3950

\*Also available: CMA w/OBGYN and CMA w/Pediatrics (both available in Spanish)

#### Medical Administrative Assistant

6 months | \$3000

#### Electronic Health Records Management

6 months | \$3000

#### Computer Technician (CompTIA A+)

6 months | \$3999

#### Phlebotomy Technician (available in Spanish)

4 months | \$3650

#### Associate Professional in Human Resources (aPHR)

6 months | \$3999

#### Project Management Specialist for CAPM\*

6 months | \$3999

#### Paralegal

6 months | \$3999

Questions? Contact Sue Bailey at [229.245.6484](tel:229.245.6484) or [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu) to find out more about all of the 400+ Advanced Career Training programs available.

## Paralegal & Legal Support Training Online

### Paralegal Certificate Course® Online

Employment of paralegals is expected to grow 14% nationally through 2031, adding about 45,800 new openings each year. Start your career as a paralegal with the most flexible, job-ready legal education available.

Online | \$1895 (course materials not included\*)

\*Materials purchased separately from CLS by BARBRI.

Live Hybrid, Online, Self-Study and Text Only formats also available.

Fall Live Session starts Monday, Sept 25. Runs Mon & Wed nights, 6 - 9 PM and Saturdays, 8:30 AM - 1 PM for 8 weeks.

For complete details, upcoming session start dates, and to register, visit [legalstudies.com/vendor/valdosta](http://legalstudies.com/vendor/valdosta).

**Financial Aid:** MyCAA and Sallie Mae Funding accepted. CLS by BARBRI also offers a convenient monthly payment option (subject to eligibility check).

#### Other popular courses:

- Legal Nurse Consultant Training Course
- Legal Secretary Certificate Course
- Victim Advocacy Certificate Course

Questions? Call us at 229.245.6484 or email [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu) for more information.

## Teacher Professional Development & Recertification

FULLY ONLINE | CHOOSE YOUR START DATE

ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED | AVAILABLE 24/7

6 MONTHS TO COMPLETE YOUR COURSE

A complete list of courses can be found at [www.valdosta.edu/pace](http://www.valdosta.edu/pace) under "Teacher Recertification."

### Popular Courses...

- **Behavior is Language** | 4.5 CEU | 4 PLU | \$229
- **Understanding Aggression**  
4.5 CEU | 4 PLU | \$229
- **Inclusion** | 3 CEU | 3 PLU | \$209
- **Reading & Writing in Content Area** | 3 CEU | 3 PLU | \$209
- **Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder**  
3 CEU | 3 PLU | \$209

## Thinking about a career in Real Estate?

### Get your Georgia real estate license with our pre-licensing course powered by The CE Shop.

This state-approved, 75-hour course prepares you for the Georgia state licensing exam and provides the foundation necessary to be a successful agent.

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Visit [ValdostaState.TheCEShop.com](http://ValdostaState.TheCEShop.com) and select your state to see the requirements and register for the courses you need.

## Georgia Real Estate Pre-License Packages

### Choose the one that's right for you! Starting at \$279

- Course Only
- Standard Package
- Value Package
- Premium Package

Post-licensing, exam prep, and continuing education courses also available. Look for promo codes to save 20% or more on course fees.

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## NEW!

### Become a licensed Mortgage Loan Officer (MLO)

Take your NMLS-approved online mortgage courses for pre-licensing, exam prep, and continuing education. Visit [ValdostaState.TheCEShop.com](http://ValdostaState.TheCEShop.com) under the Mortgage tab to learn more.

Questions? Email Sue Bailey at [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu) or call 229.245.6484.

Visit [ValdostaState.TheCEShop.com](http://ValdostaState.TheCEShop.com) website for complete details and to register.

## Learning in Retirement

Fall 2023 classes start Mon, September 11.

### LIR BROCHURE

A separate brochure with class descriptions and calendar will be mailed automatically to recent past members. Contact us to be added to the mailing list at 229.245.6484 or [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu).

#### LIR Mission

To provide opportunities for cultural growth, lifelong learning, and recreation for ages 50+. LIR is member-led and university-sponsored. Members are involved in programming, recruitment and decision-making.

#### LIR Registration Fee

There are no extra fees above your \$75/semester or \$135 yearly (paid in fall only) membership for LIR classes except when noted in class descriptions.

#### Where are LIR classes held?

Most classes are held in the University Center, 1215 N Patterson St.,(Entrance 1). Exceptions will be noted in the class description.

#### Parking Permits

Information on the new paperless parking permits will be provided.

#### LIR Depends on Volunteers!

We need people to teach classes and to serve on our Curriculum, Publicity, and Social Committees. For information, call 229-245-6484.

#### How do I get an LIR brochure?

Call us at 229-245-6484 or email your address to [pace@valdosta.edu](mailto:pace@valdosta.edu) to get on our mailing list.

#### 50+ classes/activities including:

- Yoga, Tai Chi, Range of Motion, Line Dancing
- Meditation
- Book Review, Photo Journeys
- Excursions & Tours
- History, Social Studies & Science Talks
- Painting, Crafting, Writing
- Computer Technology
- Lots of "Good to Know" classes on topics like Medicare, dealing with dementia, self-defense, genealogy & more

## We have moved!

### NEW LOCATION:

VSU University Center  
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## Leisure Learning

### Retirement Planning Today

An Educational Course for Adults -  
Age 50 - 70



Learn about the many ways to save for retirement as well as the advantages and disadvantages of each. Discover how to save money on taxes, manage investment risks, and protect your assets from potential long-term health care expenses. Above all, this course shows you how to assess your financial situation and develop a personalized plan to achieve your retirement goals. The fee includes one workbook. (This course consists of two 2 1/2 hour sessions.)

Bring your spouse or a guest at no additional charge.

#### CHOOSE YOUR DATES

24APELO1	2 Tues	Sept 12 & 19	5 - 7:30 PM	\$49
24APELO2	2 Thurs	Sept 14 & 21	5 - 7:30 PM	\$49

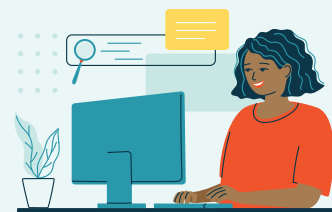
Register online at [www.valdosta.edu/pace](http://www.valdosta.edu/pace) under "Programs>Leisure Learning" or by calling 229.245.6484.

Location: VSU University Center, 1215 N Patterson St (Entrance 1)

## Leisure Learning - Online

We have fun, educational online Leisure Learning courses:

- Discover Sign Language
- Selling on eBay
- Genealogy Basics
- Introduction to Journaling
- Start Your Own Edible Garden
- Beginning Conversational French
- Personal Finance



More courses, starting at \$119, can be found at our website:  
[www.ed2go.com/valdosta](http://www.ed2go.com/valdosta)



## VSU STEAM Center Camps for Kids

Summer and Spring Break Kids  
Camps are offered by VSU's STEAM  
Center. To get on their mailing list for  
camp announcements throughout  
the year, email the STEAM Center at  
[steamcenter@valdosta.edu](mailto:steamcenter@valdosta.edu)





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