



A Note from our Director

As we step into December and the holiday season, I want to take a moment to reflect, connect, and share a bit of my heart with all of you. This time of year has always held special meaning for me. Christmas has long been my favorite holiday, and now, celebrating with seven grandchildren (we welcomed Lincoln on October 22nd) makes it even more magical. We bake, we laugh, we make an absolute mess during our gingerbread house competition, and the games feel endless in the best way. This year, our family is officially retiring Secret Santa and trying a gift basket exchange instead, something new and fun to keep our traditions evolving.



Of course, the joy of the season also brings moments of missing the people who shaped us. I think often of my mom and aunt. I miss them deeply, but I also feel them with me as we create new memories with the kids. Life has a way of reminding us what truly matters. The older we get, the more we realize how little we actually need; time together, our health, and the gift of presence become more valuable than anything that can be wrapped. As we honor Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, I want to send warm wishes to all who celebrate. No matter which traditions you hold close, may you feel peace, connection, and joy this season.

This week also marks the start of Trimester 2 for our Adult Education program. Our phlebotomy class is running with a full group of ten students; our Citizenship and CNA classes continue strong and committed as always. While adult education is sometimes misunderstood or undervalued by those who don't know the depth of our work, we know the truth. We are preparing adult learners for life beyond the classroom. We are equipping them with the tools, experiences, and confidence to thrive in society. There is no greater mission.

As we wrap up the year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude. Thank you for your hard work, your belief in our mission, your kindness, and your commitment to every student who walks through our doors. Thank you for showing up, for caring, and for making this program what it is. Here's to a season of light, gratitude, and renewal, and to a new year filled with purpose, growth, and joy.

In solidarity,
Dr. Diane D. Clare-Kearney

Meet MA&CE

Meet Omaris

Omaris is new to MA&CE and has taken on her role as the Director of ABE, GED, ESL and our Alliance Program by storm. When she isn't visiting classrooms and learning the ins and outs of Adult Education, she is spending time with her family, playing sports, and traveling.



December Poll

What is your favorite winter activity?

📅 Voting ends in 24 days
👁 Votes are anonymous but results are public

Teacher's Take

Tamara's take on Navigating the Workforce after graduation...

"Adult education gives you a second chance, but navigating the workforce gives you a fresh start. I'm here to guide you, support you, and walk with you as you build a career that reflects your hard work and your future goals."

Business Academy

Hands on in Phlebotomy

This week, MPS employee and phlebotomy student Charleeza reached an exciting milestone as she completed her first blood draw. We're proud to see her expanding her skills and continuing her growth through adult education. Her volunteer said she did not feel a thing!

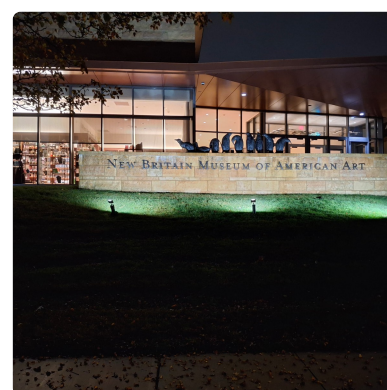




Field Trip Fridays

New Britain Art Museum of American Art

Our students recently took a trip to the New Britain Museum of American Art, and it was a highlight of the year thus far. They loved exploring the galleries, discovering new artists, and connecting with the stories behind each piece. It was an inspiring and meaningful experience that sparked great conversation and curiosity long after we left.



Continuing Education Classes



Manchester
Adult and Continuing Education

ESL
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Customer Service

Fridays
9am-12pm
1/24/26 - 5/9/26
\$75
Manchester High School

For Intermediate & Advanced
English Language Learners

A man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a dark jacket with "SECURITY" written on it, is holding a walkie-talkie to his mouth. The background is a blurred outdoor scene.

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Guard Card

A white icon of a certificate or card with a star and a ribbon seal.

Tues & Thurs
5pm - 9pm
12/9/25 & 12/11/25

\$125
555 Main Street

Fast Facts

Facts about Adult Education in Connecticut

- In Connecticut, there are 242 program sites across Connecticut offering adult-education services.
- In the 23–24 academic year, about 18,766 adult learners were served by CT adult education programs. That jump marked the first time since the pandemic that adult-ed enrollment exceeded pre-COVID levels.
- Approximately 322,234 adults (18+) in Connecticut lack a high school diploma. Meanwhile, around 4.4% of adults report that they “do not speak English well.”

MA&CE Mindfulness

I HOPE THIS WINTER BRINGS YOU

Patience to grow at your own pace

Forgiveness for your past mistakes

Confidence to conquer uncertainty

Gratitude for people in your life

Clarity of what you need and don't

Courage to step up and evolve



What's Happening at MA&CE



Friendsgiving Potluck

ESL Intermediate's I'm thankful
for...Class Celebration



Thankful for our Classmates

Peg and Maritza put on a
wonderful celebration for our
students before Thanksgiving
Break



Celebrating together

Enjoying good food while
working on our conversation
skills!

A vibrant purple and orange graphic advertisement for Manchester Adult and Continuing Education. It features large numbers 4880, 3, and 1, along with a star and a phone number. The text promotes classes for people without a high school diploma, including CNA classes, and provides a phone number to start. The Manchester logo is in the top right.

4880

Manchester
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daytime
evening
online
available

3

WAYS TO COMPLETE

1

PHONE CALL TO START

Free* Classes including CNA!

860-647-5075

Classes are free for Manchester residents;
\$75 non resident fee; Business Academy available
to **qualified, enrolled** Adult Education students

Winter/Spring 25-26 Catalog

A catalog cover for Manchester Adult and Continuing Education. The background is a blue sky with pink cherry blossoms. The Manchester logo is in the top left. A pink box contains the text 'Refresh Your Mind, Renew Your Future.' and 'WINTER/SPRING 2025-2026'.

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Renew Your Future.**

WINTER/SPRING 2025-2026

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