

# Project Contemporary Competitiveness Advanced Studies Program

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Catalog for 2019 Session  
Sunday, June 30  
to  
Saturday, August 10, 2019

\*Four Week Option for First Time Students (any grade)\*  
Sunday, June 30  
to  
Friday, July 26, 2019

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## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an intellectually enriching, socially stimulating, affordable six week residential summer program at the campus of Stonehill College in a friendly and supportive learning environment with a carefully constructed balance of freedoms and responsibilities for mature eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade high ability students who are open to the excitement of learning and ready for a challenge.

Conducted at  
Stonehill College

## 2019 CALENDAR

**\*\*Please follow PCC on Facebook or consult our website for updates\*\***

Thursday, December 6	PCC Informational Night at Stonehill College @ 7:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 10	PCC Informational Night at Stonehill College @ 7:00 P.M.
Friday, December 28	Deadline to submit application to guidance counselors
Friday, April 26	Half of tuition payment due
Friday, May 24	Final payment of tuition due

ORIENTATION MEETINGS are conducted on the campus of Stonehill College in June. You will receive details by email in mid-May.

Sunday, June 30	Registration, Move-in and Orientation Day
Monday, July 1	First Day of Classes
Wednesday, July 3	Program Closes at 12:30 P.M.
Monday, July 8	Program resumes at 8:00 A.M. Dorms open at 7:00 A.M.
Friday, July 19	Classroom Visiting Day for Parents 8:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
Friday, July 26	Final day for Four Week Option Students
Friday, August 9	Culminating Activities for Six Week Students
Saturday, August 10	Program closes at 10:00 A.M.

### THE DAILY SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast	2:30 - 5:00	Independent Study,
8:30 - 10:10	First Period		Field Trips, Recreational
10:30 - 12:10	Second Period		Activities, Course-Related
12:20 - 1:20	Lunch		Studies, Tutorial Sessions
1:30 - 2:30	Study Time	5:00 - 6:00	Dinner
		6:30-	Core Course
		10:30 -	Lights Out

*Note: The above schedule is subject to change*

### THE CURRICULUM

All students who participate in the Advanced Studies Program will be required to enroll in:

1. One course from 8:30 - 10:10 a.m.
2. One course from 10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
3. Afternoon participation in course related activities (such as field trips or labs), or participation in recreational activities.
4. A core course in the Humanities from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Each student will be enrolled in two courses. On the student application form each student MUST SELECT FOUR (4) courses in order of preference. Every effort will be made to enroll students in their first and second course choices. However, in some instances this may not be possible.

*Oversubscription in a course may necessitate a student being placed in another course. The Advanced Studies Program reserves the right to cancel any course offering.*

## **PCC 2019- COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

*\*\*There is a lab fee for every course; fees for the 4 and 6-week programs are the same\*\**

### **ADOLESCENTS AND THE LAW**

This course begins with building a foundation of background knowledge about the U.S. Constitution, including the history and the purpose. Each of the amendments included in the Bill of Rights are examined and connections are made with current events. The students will study the distinctions between civil actions and criminal prosecutions. They will examine relevant Massachusetts laws associated with their age group. This course continues with designing a mock trial based on an issue that affects their age group. The students will become versed in trial practice skills including opening statements, closing arguments, witness examination and the introduction of evidence. The course will conclude by demonstrating their skills by presenting the mock trial. Guest speakers and a field trip are included.

*Student enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

### **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

Want to learn about the third most used language in the United States and Canada? Sign up for this instructional course to learn the basics of American Sign Language! Learn vocabulary, grammar, and structure of the language by using exciting games, role playing and videos. You can help work to create a more inclusive society by learning communication strategies and exploring Deaf Culture. You'll walk away learning basic signs because you may even get the opportunity to meet some special deaf guest speakers!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$30.00 Lab Fee.*

### **ASTRONOMY**

Even with our feet on the ground, we have always looked to the sky above us and wondered, cast our eyes to the heavens and imagined what awaited us there. In this course, students will grab hold of that wonder and imagination as they learn about the composition and physics of our solar system, about the meteors, comets, and planets with which we share the galaxy. They will study the evolution of stars and the universe, as well as a history of astronomy throughout the centuries. If the night sky has always drawn your attention and your imagination, this course will put you in the center of it all and teach you about our place in the solar system. *Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$ 60.00 Lab Fee.*

### **AVIATION SCIENCE**

Is it a bird, is it a plane? It's a PCC Student! Learn the science behind flying a plane, and even get the chance to go in the air with this course. During class time you will learn about aerodynamics, aircraft structure and design, the airplane cockpit with its instruments and controls, and other aviation topics. Students will get hands-on learning by constructing wing airfoils, paper, and balsa wood aircrafts. All of this will prepare you to experience a flight simulation, and, with parental permission, fly a plane at a nearby airport!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$105.00 Lab Fee.*

*This course is open only to students in the six-week program.*

## **CREATIVE WRITING: PROSE & POETRY**

As Enlightenment philosopher Voltaire proclaimed, "Writing is the painting of the voice." This course will provide inspiration for students to create works of art in poetry and prose, and to hone their artistic voice. Daily writing activities, class discussion, and individual conferences will be used to develop creative abilities and writing skills. Learn how to write a short story, a work of fiction, pen a poem, and explore a variety of other literary forms. Student work will be enhanced by multimedia presentations and the Advanced Studies Program literary magazine will showcase every student's best pieces. Aspiring novelists and novice writers alike will learn how to "paint their voice" and create writing that moves and inspires.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

Capture your summer and the world around you through the use of digital cameras. First, students will get an introduction to the history of photography through video and presentation. Then you'll learn the basics of how to use digital cameras and Photoshop to produce works of art from the other side of the lens. Not only will you be given demonstrations to learn the functionality of these tools, but you will conduct photoshoots in hands on sessions. Explore the world of photography through fundamental camera operation and basic to advanced studio lighting skills for both portrait and still life. You'll end the program with hundreds of photos to remember your incredible summer!

*Requirement: DSLR camera (preferable) or point and shoot camera and memory card.*

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$85.00 Lab Fee.*

## **DRAWING**

Looking to capitalize on your artistic talent, or discover if you have one you never knew about? Drawing is a studio-style class that will provide instruction to improve drawing concepts, techniques, and media. If you're a beginner you will have the chance to not only learn basic drawing skills, but to develop them to a higher degree. A trip to an art museum is included with this class.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$40.00 Lab Fee.*

## **FORENSIC SCIENCE**

WHODUNIT? Enter the crime scene in PCC's own forensics course. Learn about the evidentiary aspects of solving crime scenes. DNA, fingerprints, shoe and tire impressions, crime scene photography, and sketching, as well as blood spatter, are just a few of the topics we explore. We will process evidence using real crime lab techniques and even investigate a murder mystery... complete with crime scene tape, victim blood samples, and other evidence! We bring the crime scenes to you. This course is not for the faint of heart. Real crime scenes depicting blood and injuries will be shown.

*Student enrolled in this course will pay a \$55.00 Lab Fee.*

## GOOD LEADERS, TEAM BUILDERS, & CHANGE MAKERS

Have you ever wanted to create a change in your community, or in the world, but weren't sure how? Or wondered how a person becomes a leader, or how people effectively work on teams? Leadership and teamwork play a huge role in our everyday lives that we might not even realize. You can learn the qualities that make a leader great, and develop skills that can help you in any situation, like working on a team, perfecting your public speaking, and strengthening your leadership abilities in this small scale setting. By the time the summer is over, you'll have the skills to take on a leadership role in your school, your community, or in any field you chose!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$30.00 Lab Fee.*

## HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

Doctors, nurses, EMTs and now you have what it takes to save a life! If you've ever been interested in being able to help those around you, have wanted to join the medical profession, or just want to learn the reality behind medical dramas on TV – this class is for you! You'll be equipped with the background knowledge of human anatomy and medical skills so that *you* can take preventative measures in an emergency situation. You won't just be learning this in a classroom, but you'll be doing it hands-on! Thanks to guest speaker presentations, classroom discussions and projects, and even becoming CPR and first-aid certified, soon someone will be paging you to save a life.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$50.00 Lab Fee.*

## I'M WITH THE BAND

Have you ever pictured selling out Madison Square Garden with fans screaming your name? Get a taste of that and more with I'm With the Band. If you play an instrument used in classic rock/ modern rock bands, get ready to gear up and meet your band mates! Together, you will learn to play parts of classic rock songs to prepare and put on your very own concert during week six. How can it get any better? Oh wait, you'll also be taking a field trip to a recording studio really live like a rock star. The class is offered to acoustic and electric guitarists, bass players, piano/ keyboard players, singers, and drummers (with drum set experience).

**Important:** I'm With the Band does not offer one-on-one instrument instruction; therefore it is required that students have at least two years playing experience on their instrument. Drums, keyboards and amplifiers are provided. Space is limited and this class fills quickly!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$100.00 Lab Fee.*

*This course is open only to students in the six-week program.*

## IMPROVE YOUR IMPROV!

Get your funny-bone ready, and prepare to think outside the box with this course! Become the next big comedic actor by learning the fundamentals that all the greats had with improv! Improvisational theatre and comedy is completely unscripted dialogue that, with a few suggestions, YOU come up with on the spot! Prepare yourself to workshop your stage skills for weeks and maybe you can become the next cast member of *Whose Line Is It Anyway*. This class creates a comfortable environment for everyone to learn the structured method of acting, and provides the confidence for you and your peers to put on your own improv show after five weeks! Move over Will Ferrell and Amy Poehler, because PCC students will be the next big comedy stars. *Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

*This course is open only to students in the six-week program.*

## **JOURNALISM AND PUBLISHING**

Journalism is, at its heart, the act of telling stories about the world in which we live. In this course, students will develop the skills to craft those stories through daily writing and editing with an aim toward publishing their work on the PCC Young Voices website. They will learn how to pitch, research, and report a story; how to conduct interviews; how to write in a way that will engage, entertain, and educate their readers. There will be a focus on several different types of article: straight news pieces, editorials and opinions, reviews, narrative features, listicles, and humor pieces. Students will also develop publishing skills by producing the program yearbook, learning aspects of photography and layout, as well as computer programs like Adobe InDesign. If you are interested in sharing your viewpoint on today's world while sharpening your writing skills, this course is for you.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MARINE SCIENCE**

Explore the depths of the ocean in a state of the art science lab at Stonehill! Marine Science is a hands-on science course that focus on marine biology of sea life as well as the physical aspects of the world's oceans. In the classroom we'll investigate all of the world's different oceans and the creatures that live there, including the major groups of ocean organisms: nekton (swimmers), plankton (floaters and drifters), and benthos (burrowers, crawlers, and attachers). Physical aspects of the ocean like density, chemical properties, and currents will be modeled. We'll even bring the ocean to us with our lab activities and animal dissections!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$105.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MODEL ROCKETRY**

Want to have a *blast* this summer? This class will take off with the history of rocketry, essential vocabulary, Bernoulli's Principle, and Newton's Laws of Motion and Stability. We'll discuss current space initiatives and how it relates to rocketry and space science. Then we will build and analyze our own basic Estes rocket so we can apply the information to a homemade rocket of similar design. That's right, you get to create and launch your very own rocket this summer! We'll analyze the flight patterns by applying mathematics and physics- just like they do at NASA! This course is really out of this world.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS & GLOBAL STUDIES**

Calling all Students! Do you know that kids your age are starving, without clean water, and are forced from their homes due to wars? Do you want to do more to help? Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. BE PREPARED! Experience first-hand how world leaders make decisions and negotiate solutions to global problems that affect young people just like you. From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, Model United Nation lets you step into the shoes of diplomats to challenge international dilemmas such as poverty, environmental pollution, war and peace, human rights and many other issues that affect almost every person on Earth. You will develop skills in debating issues, negotiation with allies and enemies, creating solutions and drafting resolutions. You will become informed about the United Nation system and the work that it accomplishes. The final project will be to create an assembly and Security Council meeting. The world is waiting for YOU!

*Student enrolled in this course will pay a \$40.00 Lab Fee.*

## **MUSIC & MOVEMENT**

Taught through professional styles, this class will give you the tools to put on a live production with dancing and musical performance. One of PCC's esteemed student showcases, the Music and Movement Show is an accumulation of hard work, practice, and dedication performed during Week Six each summer. Each student in this class will get to experience what is like to put on a full scale production with choreography, lighting, and sound effects. After week six, you'll walk away with pride in your performance after all of the rave reviews of the M&M Show.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$75.00 Lab Fee.*

*This course is open only to students in the six-week program.*

## **PAINTING**

Looking to learn a new artistic style? Express yourself and the world around you through painting this summer! Whether you have any experience or not, this course is designed to be educational *and* enjoyable for you to achieve artistic growth in just six weeks. The best way to participate in this course is just to be creative and to be yourself! A trip to an art museum is included with this class.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$50.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PCC FITNESS CHALLENGE**

Calling all athletes! This class is designed to help train and prepare you for the upcoming school year in your sport. This class will allow you to take part in the best summer of your life while remaining in shape for your fall sport and giving you the competitive edge you are looking for in the upcoming seasons. The teacher will work closely with each student to personalize their workouts around their athletic interests and goals. In addition, athletes will spend some time in the classroom focusing on nutrition and other fitness areas. This course is intended for competitive athletes only and is not recommended for beginners. Be prepared to run, jump, and sweat. As Olympic medalist (28 times to be exact) Michael Phelps said, "If you want to be the best, you have to be willing to do things that other people are not willing to do."

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$40.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PCC SPORTS CENTER**

Can't get enough of the Patriots, Red Sox or ESPN? This course is designed for anyone that loves sports in New England. Prepare to take on every role in the sports industry - player, coach, owner, broadcaster, and fan. You'll develop knowledge of all the professional league sports teams in New England, as well as the prominent high school and semi-professional teams in our region. In particular, we will examine the contributions each of our local teams and athletes have made to their sport, as well as the impact our favorite teams and players have made in New England. Learn what it takes to be championship-driven!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$45.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PHYSICS & FUN**

Have you ever wondered how we can see so deep into space? Or how lightning is created? Or what makes Einstein and Newton so important? Get the complete guide on how our universe works! This class will explore physical phenomena such as projectile motion nuclear fission, fusion in the sun, black holes, the speed of light, electricity, magnetism, the interaction of light and matter, friction, relativity, and shock waves. We'll be learning this first hand through experiments, and fun group projects. Racing mousetrap cars and building paper roller coasters are some of the ways we will make sense of the physical world around us. Outside of the classroom, we'll even take a field trip to a scientific center of study Don't worry, you don't need any high level math or engineering skills- with scientific interest and imagination, you'll be sure to succeed in this class!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

Get deep inside the brain, and learn what makes you tick! In Psychology we'll study why people do the things they do and what is "normal behavior." Psychology is the second most common major in the country and you'll be first to get an introduction to it! See how the brain functions and activity relates to your life by exploring areas of study such as: abnormal, developmental, social, and educational psychology, as well as topics like sensation and perception, consciousness, and diagnosis. Learn about dreams and discover career paths in the field of psychology that interest you. We'll be using many methods of learning which incorporate lectures, readings, discussion, films, experiments, and simulations. If you're ready to challenge your mind, this course is for you!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **REAL ROBOTS**

Let's build robots! This course will give you all the preparation you need to build your very own robot! Students get to learn the basics of motion and structure, as well as how to use the Vex Robotics kits and

Easy-C programming to build ingenious and fun robots. Team-work will be put to the test, as groups of two to four students create robots to face off in numerous challenges. Get ready to compete in the Savage Soccer tournament, the Robo-Suma, and a PCC original obstacle course! Can't get enough in the classroom? You will get to go to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) for an introduction to artificial intelligence. This course is open to students of all levels and is completely hands-on. Get ready to build the future!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$65.00 Lab Fee.*

## **RPG VIDEO GAME DESIGN**

Enter the world of RPG (role playing game) video game design with this course aimed at experts and beginners alike. Learn how to create and develop characters, storylines, and new worlds. This course will give students all the tools they need to design their own video games, starting with an examination of what makes successful RPGs work and learning how to use software to bring your creations to life! By the summer's end, you'll be able to share your game with your friends, both online and IRL.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$75.00 Lab Fee.*

## **SCULPTURE**

Become the next Michelangelo and create sculpted masterpieces all summer long! Different from typical 2-D art classes, Sculpture will teach you how to create artwork in the 3-Dimensional space. Clay, paper, wire, and other materials will be used to work on a series of projects to further understanding of sculptural form. We will be developing technical and design skills over the course of six weeks to prepare for an art exhibit on Family Visiting Day so you can present your projects with pride!

We do want to note that sculpture is open to students of all abilities, but there is a lot of lab equipment to be used. Beginners in sculpture are encouraged to take this course, but just be prepared to commit to everyday safety procedures.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **SOCIOLOGY**

Ever wonder how your environment, background and society could shape who you are? Sociology is here to teach you! Not commonly taught in high schools, sociology is the study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society. By examining sociology we can better understand the societal and group roles around us, and how we fit into the mix! In this class we'll explore gender, families, aging, medicine, deviance, punishment, and global cultures. Students will use their personal perspectives in group settings such as PCC and school to further their understanding of sociology. If you're interested in psychology, you may also take interest in how groups of people function!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **TELEVISION PRODUCTION**

Lights, Camera, ACTION! Go behind the scenes of your favorite television shows, and learn about TV production! By learning about the history of television and programming, you'll have the skills to jump into the many different aspects of television production! In a very hands on course, we'll learn about screenwriting, directing, interviewing and actually shooting television shows! In addition, we'll go on a field trip to a local TV station to see all of these techniques put to work. Get ready to create your very own storyboard because in this class you'll be getting behind *and* in front of the camera! Commercials, newscasts, games shows and talk shows are the main projects for this exciting class, and they'll be entirely created by you.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **THEATRE**

Always dreamed of Broadway? PCC brings the artistic world of theatre from New York to Stonehill College! Unlike most theatre classes in high school, we'll equip you with the confidence to understand devised theatre and build ensemble skills before hitting the stage. By being creative and bringing your individuality, the theatre production at the end of the summer will become your favorite memory! Even if you've never pictured yourself on stage, after six weeks- everyone will become a star!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$45.00 Lab Fee.*

*This course is open only to students in the six-week program.*

## **THE UNIVERSE OF COMIC BOOKS**

Ever wonder what's up with all this comic book stuff--what it's all about and how to whole thing got started? And have you ever wondered what it would take to make a comic book series yourself? Here's the chance to answer those questions. We will go over the beginnings of the industry, what makes up a comic series, origin stories, artwork, and the present day stuff of movies, TV shows, video games, and comic cons! In other words, the who, what, where, and why of it all. The end of the story: we will devise ideas for our own comic book series.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$35.00 Lab Fee.*

## **WARM COOKIES AND MILK**

Love spending summer like a kid? In this course, you go back to your childhood to discover how children learn and develop! We'll explore this through hands-on learning techniques for early childhood and elementary aged children. Then you will have a turn to teach as you will develop lesson plans and work with children on a field trip! There is plenty of fun and excitement in store with our projects, a trip to the Easton Children's Museum, and, of course, plenty of cookies to eat! This class is perfect if you see a future as a teacher, babysitter, or child care professional.

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **THE WIZARDING WORLD OF HARRY POTTER**

Bring Hogwarts to life with a class dedicated to the study of Harry Potter's World. As a Muggle, you will learn the secrets of witchcraft and wizardry. By examining the famous texts of J.K. Rowling, you will gain a deep understanding of what it's like to be in Mr. Potter's world. Always wanted to participate in the house cup? You'll begin the course by meeting the sorting hat and being placed in either Slytherin, Griffindor, Ravenclaw, or Hufflepuff. As a class, we will utilize analytical thinking to examine the Harry Potter book series and films as well as take a potions class, divination, and Muggle studies! We will do character analysis, role play, and practice our creative writing skills. Get excited to really dive into the world of witches and wizards because we will be taking the Hogwarts Express on a field trip to the famous Witch City of Salem, Massachusetts! Check your post soon, because your Hogwarts letter is on its way!

*Students enrolled in this course will pay a \$60.00 Lab Fee.*

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Parents have the right to review all PCC policies pertaining to background checks, health care, discipline, and grievance procedures. You may contact Mr. Thomas J. Lynch, Executive Director, at [pcc@stonehill.edu](mailto:pcc@stonehill.edu) or call 508-565-5202 to initiate this procedure.

## **CORE COURSE**

In the Core Course the entire student body will assemble each evening for programs planned primarily to provide experiences in drama, music, literature, and art. Guest artists, musical and dramatic groups, motivational speakers, and presenters from a wide array of backgrounds will provide a variety of programs. Student groups from selected ASP courses will participate in some programs.

In the past years we have had the following Core Course events:

African Drumming and Dance, BMX Bikers, magicians, K-9 Units, Acapella groups; Lectures on Alcoholism, Bullying, the Holocaust, Refugees, Leadership, Peer Pressure, and Gender Issues;

Performances from the Improv, Theatre, Band, & Music & Movement classes, as well as Program-wide Talent Show and Lip Sync.

## **RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Students will not be required to participate in a formal physical education program. However, recreation activities will be offered each day including, among others, organized sporting events and tournaments, arts and crafts projects, and board and tabletop games.

Academic programs such as guest speakers, performances, films, and plays will be offered to students during the evening hours.

Themed student socials/dances will be held usually one evening per week.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the Advanced Studies Program are as follows:

1. To stimulate high ability students with a summer program that provides enriching educational experiences supplementing available high school offerings.
2. To help prepare students for leadership roles in their schools and communities through core course offerings in the Humanities and other program activities.
3. To foster social development by bringing together students of diverse backgrounds and interests in a residential program on a college campus.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

A student is eligible to participate in the Advanced Studies Program if:

1. The student is entering the eighth, ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade in September of 2019.
2. Students who participated in the 2018 Advanced Studies Program are eligible to reapply.
3. The student is a resident of one of the participating school districts within Project Contemporary Competitiveness, Inc. (see back cover for listing of school districts.)
4. The student has sufficient background, potential, and the commitment to benefit from the courses being offered.
5. Out-of-district students may be accepted on a space-available basis for an additional fee.

## **SELECTION**

Approximately 400 students will participate in the program on the basis of:

1. Past achievement
2. Interest in subject area to be pursued
3. Guidance Counselor or Principal recommendation.

## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Application must be accompanied by a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar non-refundable application fee. The 2019 tuition fee for the full six-week program is \$2500 for PCC District students and \$2650 for out-of-district students. This summer PCC will also be offering a four-week option for first-time students (any grade). Students who are accepted for this option will attend the first four weeks of the program (June 30-July 26). The 2019 tuition fee for the four-week option is \$1900 for PCC District students and \$2050 for out-of-district students.

Interested students should consult their school principal or guidance counselor for information and applications. If further information is necessary write to:

Executive Director  
PCC Advanced Studies Program  
Stonehill College  
320 Washington Street  
Easton, MA 02357-6115  
email: [pcc@stonehill.edu](mailto:pcc@stonehill.edu)  
or call 508-565-5202.

All applicants must submit the following:

1. Check to cover the twenty-five (\$25.00) non-refundable application fee
2. Completed student application with essay
3. School records

These forms and a check for twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, which is a non-refundable application fee, should be returned to your Guidance Office as soon as possible. Because student enrollment in the Advanced Studies Program is limited, it is encouraged that all applications for enrollment be submitted prior to your school's established deadline in order that guidance offices in our member systems can evaluate the applications and forward them with their recommendations to this office prior to the January 25th deadline. Late applications will be accepted only as vacancies exist.

In each session, mature and proper behavior among students is expected. The Program attempts to achieve a balance between the necessity for structures, rules, and regulations, and the desire to allow students the freedom to develop and mature. In essence, the Advanced Studies Program seeks those highly-motivated students who themselves are seeking an academic challenge, who are willing to take risks, who are not afraid to work, and who want to involve themselves in a stimulating environment that encourages them to learn and grow.

No student should apply for the Advanced Studies Program unless he or she is COMMITTED TO BE IN RESIDENCE FOR THE ENTIRE SIX WEEKS (or four weeks, if accepted into the four week program), interested in diligent study, and is willing to follow the rules and regulations of the Program Code of Conduct.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students who are accepted for the Program will be notified as soon as possible. An initial deposit of \$250 MUST be received within ten (10) business days from the date of acceptance letter to confirm your acceptance and begin enrollment in PCC 2019 in addition to the submission and completion of a Parental Questionnaire. To complete your enrollment, we also require health information to ensure the health and safety of students attending PCC. The Student Health Information must be completed and signed by parents or guardians and a physician and returned no later than May 24.

There are three Health Forms to submit (two if there is no prescription medication needed.) A physician's signature is required.

\*Form #1 must be submitted for all students- A Well Child/Camp Form may be substituted, or attached to this form, if date is within the past 24 months.

\*Form #2 must be submitted for all students (2 and 3 are back to back.)

\*Form #3 must be submitted for all students who take prescription medication. Both parent and physician or licensed prescriber must sign this form.

## TUITION AND FEES

The cost for students who reside in the PCC school districts and are attending the full six-week program is \$2500 with a \$25.00 application fee by the deadline. The cost for attending the four-week program is \$1900 with a \$25.00 application fee. The cost includes tuition, dormitory room, meals, activity fees, and an accident insurance premium. Some of the participating school districts and Stonehill College may subsidize part of the cost of each student. Local school guidance counselors should be contacted concerning the amount of financial assistance, if any, that local school committees provide. There is an additional \$150 fee for out of district students, on a student available basis; the total for out-of-district students for the full six week program is \$2650 with a \$25 application fee. The four-week program total for out-of-districts is \$2050 with a \$25 application fee.

Within ten (10) days of acceptance, a deposit of \$250.00 is required. Should a student withdraw from the Program after acceptance, yet before May 24th, \$125.00 of this deposit is non-refundable. Should the student withdraw after May 24th, yet before the start of the Program on June 30th, the entire payment of \$250.00 will be non-refundable. There will be no refunds for students attending the four-week option after May 24th.

All students have the option of a five-month payment plan beginning in January 2019 and concluding in May 2019. \$450.00 per month for in-district students and \$480.00 per month for out-of-district students.

Half of the remaining tuition payment is due by **FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019**.

All parental balances must be paid in full by **FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019**.

Tuition payments should be mailed to PCC, Inc., Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02357-6115.

Should a student withdraw from the Program after it has started, yet before it is completed, the following schedule of refunds will apply. Exclusive of the non-refundable \$250.00 deposit, the refund will be computed as follows: If the student leaves during the first two weeks of the program, a refund of the 50% of the parental payment (exclusive of the \$250.00 deposit) will be refunded. No refunds will be made after the close of the second week of the program. Again, there will be no refunds for students attending the four-week option after May 24th.

N.B. See course descriptions for courses that carry additional Lab Fees. Lab Fees will be collected in class Week Two of the Program. Lab fees are the same for 4-week and 6-week students.

## **FACILITIES AND HOUSING**

Academic classes will be held in various buildings on the campus of Stonehill College. The college library will be open to all students during their participation in the program. Athletic and recreational facilities will be available for recreation, including tennis courts, basketball courts, softball fields, and other areas.

Because the program is intensive in nature, and in order to develop and improve social skills, students are required to live on campus in the assigned Residence Hall for the entire six weeks of the Program. Students will remain in residence the first week Sunday to Wednesday at 12:30 P.M. Weeks Two through Five, Monday at 8:00 A.M. to Friday 12:30 P.M. Week Six Monday at 8:00 A.M. to Saturday 10:00 A.M. Students may be picked up beginning at 12:30 P.M. on Fridays. All students must be picked up by 1:00 P.M.

## **STAFF**

Direct supervision of the program will be by the Executive Director and Program Directors of the Advanced Studies Program.

The teaching staff of the Advanced Studies Program is composed of college professors, professional teachers, and recent college graduates. The faculty has been drawn from the supporting school districts, and Stonehill College with respect to academic training, areas of interest, and experience with academically talented students.

Dormitory supervision will be maintained at all times by the Program Directors, resident administrators, male and female floor leaders, and college proctors.

Indoor and outdoor recreation supervision will be provided.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Students who are accepted to the Program will receive detailed information regarding orientation, registration, procedures, clothing, supplies, and the Code of Conduct. The following information may serve to answer some of the most probable inquiries made by students and parents prior to receipt of such detailed announcements.

1. Students will register on Sunday, June 30, 2019. Details will be provided with the acceptance letter and at parental orientation sessions in June.
2. No United States student will be allowed to remain on campus over the weekends. All United States students must depart by 1:00 P.M. on Friday.
3. Weekly meals will include Monday lunch through Friday breakfast.
4. Daily schedules of individual students may vary a great deal.
5. A Parents' Classroom Visiting Day is scheduled for Friday, July 19th from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

### **STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

The Advanced Studies Program of Project Contemporary Competitiveness, Inc./ Stonehill College admits students without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, color, disability, creed, or national origin, to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities which it provides for or makes available to its students.

Further, the Program does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, color, disability, creed, or national origin in administration of its educational policies or its athletic and other school-administered programs. This same statement of policy applies also to the Program's personnel and employment policies.

### **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

A healthcare provider will administer first aid, life support in the form of CPR, and/or call emergency personnel and transportation as deemed necessary and will be on site at all times the program is in session. In case of emergency, if parents cannot be reached, the student would be transported to the nearest emergency room and seen by the hospital physician. Parents shall be responsible for all expenses related to any illness or condition for which the student requires professional consultation or hospitalization. A premium to cover student accident insurance is included in the tuition.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Our emphasis is on self discipline; it underlies the entire structure of our summer program. It is training which develops self-control, character, and consideration of the rights of others. Our students are expected to conduct themselves as young ladies and young gentlemen and to do so on their own.

Students who lack the maturity and responsibility for managing their own lives should not undertake the program. The session is brief and intensive; separation from the program will be necessary for students who cannot meet the responsibility of living under the few reasonable rules.

Students enrolled in the program are expected to treat all members of the Program community with dignity and respect, to meet all appointments, to not neglect their work, and to maintain socially acceptable behavior on and off campus.

To be enrolled in the Program, the parent or guardian is required to sign a statement on the Parental Questionnaire indicating that the parent and child have read and accept and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct can be found on our website: [www.pccasp.org](http://www.pccasp.org). It will be reviewed during the parent orientation meetings prior to the beginning of the Program and again by the Floor Leader during student orientation the first day of the Program.

### **CREDIT**

Students who successfully complete the Advanced Studies Program will be presented with an academic report and awarded a certificate of achievement.