



PACIFIC GROVE ADULT EDUCATION

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COURSE CATALOG

REGISTRATION BEGINS
MARCH 11, 2026

SESSION DATES

MARCH 30 - JUNE 13

NO CLASSES

APRIL 12 - 18

MAY 25

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Pacific Grove Adult Education!

Our experienced and supportive teachers and staff are committed to providing you high quality, student-friendly classes and programs designed to help you reach your personal, educational, and career goals.

Whether your goal is to attain your high school diploma or high school equivalency, develop and strengthen your English reading, writing and speaking skills, improve your computer skills, expand your knowledge about effective parenting, or support your health through physical exercise, we have classes for you.

Pacific Grove Adult Education is a proud member of the Monterey Peninsula Adult Education Consortium. As the principal of Pacific Grove Adult Education and an MPAEC team leader, I want to assure you that we will continue to provide quality programs that serve our community.

I am proud to be Principal of Pacific Grove Adult Education and am honored to work with our outstanding staff and community. You can visit our website at pgadulted.pgusd.org to access all of our course offerings.

See you around the campus,

Barbara Martinez

Principal, Pacific Grove Adult Education



Refunds, Waitlists, and Other PGAE Policies

- Refunds are only offered if a class is canceled by the school due to low enrollment.
- Early registration is encouraged to ensure you secure a spot in the class you want and to prevent the class from being canceled due to low enrollment.
- If a student decides to drop a class, a credit or partial credit may be applied to their account for future classes, depending on the timing of the withdrawal.
- Waitlists are not kept for any Community Education or Active Older Adult classes.
- Once a class is full and closed, no more enrollments are accepted.

CULTURE OF “WE” AT PGAE

At Pacific Grove Adult Education, we are dedicated to cultivating a learning environment that values and celebrates the diversity of our students, staff, and community. We recognize the importance of diversity in enriching the educational experience and fostering a culture of inclusion and belonging.

We are committed to promoting equity by ensuring that all individuals have access to the resources, opportunities, and support they need to succeed. We actively work to identify and dismantle systemic barriers that may prevent certain groups from fully participating and achieving their educational goals.

Inclusion is at the core of our mission, and we strive to create a welcoming and affirming environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents. We embrace diversity in all its forms, including but not limited to race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, religion, and socioeconomic status.

Through ongoing education, dialogue, and collaboration, we are committed to fostering a community that embraces diversity, promotes equity, and ensures inclusion for all. Together, we will continue to learn, grow, and work towards creating a more just and inclusive society.



This school is a
**Safe & Inclusive
Place for All**

Esta escuela es un lugar seguro e inclusivo para todos.



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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Our free ESL classes are for adults who want to learn or improve their English skills. We offer a variety of classes. Classes focus on listening, speaking, reading, writing and American culture. Students acquire language skills that will help them in the workplace or enable them to find better jobs and navigate daily life. The Burlington English online program is used in addition to instructional activities.

Contact us at pgae@pgusd.org or (831) 646-6580 for additional information.

ESL Level A - Beginning

In this introductory class students will learn and review basic English grammar, acquire new vocabulary words, and practice how to pronounce them. Students are given daily opportunities to converse in English with the teacher and their classmates.

M-TH 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Room 1 Free Morgan/Turell

ESL Level B - Intermediate

Students will review concepts introduced in Level A and learn more complex grammatical structures. They will learn to use an increased vocabulary, and fluency developed through class discussions on everyday topics and reading selections. In addition to practicing listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, the class will study American civics and culture.

M-TH 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Room 2 Free Billets/Sendell

ESL Level C - Advanced

Students in this class will speak with increased vocabulary about complex topics, read more advanced articles and books, and write essays that are well organized and grammatically correct. They will also study American civics and culture.

M-TH 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Room 3 Free Kraus/Turell

ESL A/B - Beginning-Low Intermediate

The ESL Level A/B class offers an introduction to oral and written English for beginning students new to the language and helps students with low-intermediate English skills learn more complex grammatical structures. Students will build their vocabulary, improve their pronunciation and speaking skills, and practice listening, reading, and writing skills. The class will also study American civics and culture.

T, TH 5:30 - 7:30 pm Room 1 Free S. Turell

ESL B/C - High Intermediate-Advanced

Students will study English at an intermediate/advanced level and learn complex grammatical structures. They will increase their vocabulary and develop fluency through discussions on everyday topics and reading selections. In addition to practicing listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, the class will study American civics and culture.

T, TH 5:30 - 7:30 pm Room 3 Free M. Bahou

Conversation Class for English Learners

English Language Learners will have an opportunity to engage in conversation with peers and native English speakers to improve their listening and speaking skills. They will develop the skills needed for effective communication through student-centered activities that improve grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and intonation.

W 12:15 - 1:15 pm Room 1 Free S. Turell

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Literature for Advanced English Learners

This class provides an opportunity for advanced ESL students to improve English skills through the study of literature. Most selections will be from American literature, but we will also read works from other cultures, including novels, short stories, and poetry. In addition to improving reading skills, students will engage in discussion and write regularly. Vocabulary and grammar lessons will be based on the reading selections. *Students will purchase their own books.*

T, TH 12:30 - 2:30 pm Room 2 Free J. Billets

English for Hospitality & Customer Service

This free ESL course supports English learners who want to strengthen their communication skills for work in hospitality and guest-service environments. Students develop the language needed for welcoming guests, describing services, responding to requests, and interacting professionally with supervisors and coworkers. Lessons emphasize clear communication, workplace vocabulary, and cultural expectations common in customer service settings. Instruction is based on adult-learning principles and real job tasks, helping students build the confidence and language skills needed for success in the local hospitality industry. Instruction is offered in person in the classroom but students can also join virtually online. All English levels are welcome.

T 4:00 - 5:30 pm Room 6/Hybrid Free A. Monfared

CITIZENSHIP

Pacific Grove Adult Education is proud to offer its Citizenship Preparation class. You will receive materials you need to fully prepare for the exam interview. Each class will feature different lessons to help you gain the knowledge and confidence you need to pass your citizenship interview. In addition to regular class work, all levels use the Burlington English online program for English learners. This program provides every student with lessons that they can complete on their computers at home or at school.

Contact us at pgae@pgusd.org or (831) 646-6580 for additional information.

Citizenship Preparation

This class provides instruction that helps students prepare to apply for U.S. Citizenship, which includes basic English skills (speaking, listening, reading, and writing). Emphasis is placed equally on the questions from the N-400 application and the questions related to U.S. history and government.

M 12:30 - 2:30 pm Room 2 Free McDowell/Arps
Class Dates: 4/27, 5/18, 6/8

M 5:30 - 7:30 pm Room 2 Free McDowell/Arps
Class Dates: 3/30, 4/20, 5/4

SAT 9:30 - 11:30 am Room 2 Free McDowell/Arps
Class Dates: 4/11, 5/2, 6/6

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA/EQUIVALENCY

Our free program provides individualized instruction through in-class and online learning and independent study for students who want to obtain an Adult High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Certificate, or improve their basic reading, writing, and/or math skills.

In-person instruction is offered in English. Digital and paper-based study and test materials are available in English and Spanish.

Steps:

1. Call to make an Intake Appointment with the lead teacher, Greg Ludwa, at **(831) 646-6580 x8404** or **gludwa@pgusd.org**
2. During the Intake Appointment, you will register, talk about your educational background & goals, and work with the teacher to develop an Individualized Education Plan. **(Please bring any high school transcripts you have with you to your Intake Appointment if applicable.)**
3. Take a placement test within the first week. **(Subsequent post tests are also required.)**
4. Commit to spending at least 3 hours per week and a minimum of 40 hours total on school work, either at the adult school or independently (tracking those hours in a Distance Learning Log), and communicate regularly with the teachers.
5. Achieve your goals and celebrate!



In-Person Instruction Schedule

<i>M, W</i>	<i>9:00 am - 1:00 pm</i>	<i>Room 4</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>4:00 pm - 8:00 pm</i>	<i>Room 4</i>
<i>TH</i>	<i>2:00 pm - 6:00 pm</i>	<i>Room 4</i>

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To earn your High School Diploma, you must complete 200 credits:

- English: 40 credits
- Social Studies: 40 credits
- Math: 20 credits
- Science: 20 credits
- Fine Art or Foreign Language: 10 credits
- Graduation Portfolio: 5 credits
- Electives: 65 credits (Can use work experience)

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY

PGAE is a HiSET Testing Center. The HiSET is an approved High School Equivalency Certificate. It consists of 5 separate subject-area tests:

Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

- Testing is by appointment. Call (831) 646-6580 to schedule.
- Testing is paper-based only and is available in English or Spanish.
- Test fees are waived for active PGAE students who have accumulated at least 12 hours of instruction in the current school year.
- For non-students, the full battery of 5 tests costs \$140, or \$105 for the first test and \$15 for each subsequent test. Retakes cost \$20.

CAREER PREPARATION & LIFE SKILLS

CAREER PREPARATION

Entrepreneurial Mindset for Adult Learners

This course empowers adult learners to develop an entrepreneurial mindset—a way of thinking and acting that helps individuals recognize opportunities, overcome challenges, and take ownership of their goals. Through real-world examples, group activities, and reflective exercises, students will gain practical tools for creative problem-solving, goal-setting, and leadership-skills useful for both starting a business and advancing a career.

Familiarity with Google Suite is strongly recommended.

Students may choose to prepare to take the U.S. Entrepreneurship Certification Examination on which this course is based.

Self-Paced

Hybrid/Room4

\$30

J. Damon

Find a Job, Keep a Job, Grow Your Career \$30

This course helps students build the skills, knowledge, and confidence to acquire, maintain, and grow in meaningful employment. Participants will learn job search strategies, create professional resumes and cover letters, practice interview techniques, and explore career pathways. The course emphasizes goal-setting, workplace readiness, and connecting students to resources for ongoing career success.

This is a **self-paced, open-entry course** with flexible options for participation. Students may access support by **scheduling one-on-one appointments** with the instructor. Online support is also available.

Familiarity with Google Suite is strongly recommended.

Appointment Hours

M, W

8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Room 4/Hybrid

J. Damon

T, TH

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Room 4/Hybrid

J. Damon

ONLINE COURSES

**CAREER
TRAINING
PROGRAMS**



Accelerate your career or find a new one with any of our more than 800 online courses!



PGAE - Ed2Go Courses
Call 831-646-6580 or explore via our website
pgadulter.pgusd.org/Programs/Online-Career-Training-Programs



CAREER PREPARATION & LIFE SKILLS

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Fundamental Computer Skills *(Last Class June 1st)*

Designed for students with limited or no computer skills. The goal is to introduce fundamental computer concepts, internet basics and staying safe online, email using Gmail, file management and use of word processing. This is a Northstar Digital Literacy certificate program.

M *5:30 - 7:30 pm* *Room 7* *\$50* *M. Villagomez*

Internet Safety *(Last Class June 2nd)*

This course covers the fundamentals of internet safety. Students will learn essential practices to protect personal information by securing accounts, managing digital privacy, and identifying common online threats. This class also teaches strategies for securing personal devices and properly backing up your data.

T *10:30 am - 12 pm* *Room 7* *\$50* *M. Villagomez*

Intro to Google Suite *(Last Class June 4th)*

Students with beginning experience will learn Google Docs, Drive, Slides and Sheets. Students will also create email and calendars and will continue to the next level, incorporating the Northstar Digital Literacy certificate based program.

TH *5:30 - 7:30 pm* *Room 7* *\$50* *M. Villagomez*

AI Unlocked

Discover how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can help you work smarter, save time, and unleash your creative side. From organizing your life to generating fresh ideas, you'll learn practical, everyday ways to put AI to work - no experience required!

W *5:30 - 7:30 pm* *Room 7* *\$50* *TBD*

How to Use Your iPhone

Learn how to make your iPhone work for you - not the other way around! In this fun, hands-on class, you'll master the basics, explore handy apps, and discover hidden features you never knew existed.

W *10:30 am - 12:30 pm* *Room 7* *\$60* *M. Ahmad*

Typing Test

We offer instant, accurate low-cost tests with a certificate. \$35.00 for three attempts

To schedule an appointment call (831) 646-6580

Open Computer Lab Hours

PG Adult School students
Mon, Wed, Thurs: 9-5;
Tues: 9-1; Fri: 9-2

If you are not a student, please call (831) 646-6580 for info and availability.

iPhone Photography: Take Better Photos with Your iPhone

Learn how to take amazing photos using just your iPhone! We'll cover simple tips for better composition, lighting, and editing, plus how to use your iPhone's features to capture creative, high-quality images. Great for all levels!

T *1:30 - 3:30 pm* *Room 7/Field Trips* *\$100* *B. Moon Batista*

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



Independence Pathways Program



INDEPENDENCE PATHWAY PROGRAM

PGAE's Independence Pathway Program, a free day program at the Pacific Grove Adult School, serves neurodiverse adults and adults with mild/moderate intellectual or developmental disabilities who are 18+ and have goals for independent living, continuing education and training, and community integration.

- Employment Readiness
- Independent Living Skills
- Health and Wellness



Contact us today!

Learn more about this program:
(831) 646-6580 ext 8426 or bmartinez@pgusd.org



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PARENT EDUCATION

PARENTS' PLACE

Welcome to Parents' Place, an award-winning Parent Education Program, facilitated by experienced and credentialed parent educators. We provide an atmosphere of support where babies and children play and learn in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment.

Age-related classes offer age-appropriate environments and activities for children birth-3 years, while adults engage in weekly parenting topics and discussions suitable for their child's unique developmental age.

Both age-related and speciality classes offer parents/caregivers an opportunity to learn valuable parenting skills while engaging and connecting with other families.

Registration is available any time during the session.

If you cannot attend the appropriate age-related class due to scheduling conflicts, please contact the Parent Education office at (831) 646-6580.

Age-Related Classes

(newborn - 3 years)

These classes offer age-appropriate activities, weekly parenting questions and topic time, and a chance to connect with other families. Listed from youngest to oldest.

Baby and Parent/Caregiver Classes (Newborn - 1 year): **\$90**

Newborn

02/01/26-06/13/26	Wed PM	12:30 - 2:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner
11/01/25-01/31/26	Tues PM	12:30 - 2:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner
08/01/25-10/31/25	Thurs PM	12:30 - 2:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner
05/01/25-07/31/25	Mon PM	12:30 - 2:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner
01/01/25-04/30/25	Tues PM	12:30 - 2:30	<i>Earth Room</i>	K. Stember

Toddler and Parent/Caregiver Classes (1 - 3 years): **\$90**

11/01/24-1/31/25	Wed AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Earth Room</i>	C. Broz
08/01/24-10/31/24	Thurs AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner
05/01/24-08/30/24	Tues AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Earth Room</i>	C. Broz
02/01/24-04/30/24	Wed AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Moon Room</i>	L. Saulovich
11/01/23-01/31/24	Wed AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner
07/01/23-10/31/23	Thurs AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Earth Room</i>	C. Broz
04/01/23-06/30/23	Tues AM	9:30 - 11:30	<i>Forest Room</i>	C. Kershner

Fees cover materials and supplies. Parent engagement curriculum is free.

PARENT EDUCATION

Specialty Classes

Outdoor Monday Morning Stories

This class promotes language development through stories, finger plays, and story-related art. **This class is only designed for the specific ages of 1.5-3 years.**

M 9:30 - 11:30 am Earth Room/Outdoors \$65 C. Broz

1-2-3 Sing with Me with MaryLee

This sing-a-long class is designed to engage toddlers in a variety of musical experiences. **This class is only designed for the specific ages of 1-3 years.**

M 11:15 - 11:45 am Musical Garden \$65 C. Kershner

Discovery Time

Children discover the wonder of nature, explore science activities, nature crafts, art, and storytelling. This class is held both indoors and in the children's garden. As the season changes we will plant seeds and seedlings, water, watch them grow, and care for them over time. **This class is only designed for the specific ages of 2.5-5 years.**

M 12:30 - 2:30 pm Moon Room/Outdoors \$80 K. Stember

Tots in Motion

Through free exploration and physical activities, tots will strengthen their gross motor skills, balance, and coordination using age-appropriate equipment. Parents learn ways to promote their child's gross motor development. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. **This class is only designed for the specific ages of crawling-2 years.**

M 2:00 - 4:00 pm Multi Purpose Rm \$80 A. Gabrio

Strengthening Your "Village"- Evening Parent Group

Join this class and share the joys and challenges of parenting your 18 month - 5 year old child. The class offers a weekly evening virtual meeting designed to be responsive to the individual needs of the parents attending. Class includes time for personal questions and group discussion. Additional resources available via Google Classroom.

Dates: 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28

TH 7:00 - 8:30 pm Online Only \$60 C. Kershner

Young at Art

This class is for little hands focusing on exploration and inspiring creativity. Inspire your little artist with tempera paint, watercolor, glue, collage materials and sensory art activities. **This class is only designed for the specific ages of 20 months-3 years.**

F 9:30 - 11:30 am Moon Room/Outdoors \$80 K. Stember

Wee Chant with MaryLee

An enchanting music class that celebrates multicultural songs and lullabies.

This class is only designed for the specific ages of newborn-1 year.

F 1:00 - 1:45 pm Forest Room/Outdoors \$65 K. Stember

PARENT EDUCATION

CO-OP PRESCHOOL

The Pacific Grove Adult Education Co-op Preschool operates as part of our Parent Education Program for children ages 3 years through Kindergarten entry. Our program is designed to create an environment that provides opportunity for growth for both parent and child. Physical, emotional and social skills are developed through developmentally appropriate activities in art, music, science and play. Emphasis is on the development of the whole child.

It is our goal to acknowledge each child where they are upon entering preschool and taking them as far as they can go. We also strive to provide parents the support they need to help their children be academically and socially/emotionally successful in school. It is paramount that children leave preschool feeling confident, capable and knowing that school is a place where they will be safe, valued and successful.

Our Dual Language Parent Education Co-op class embeds some Spanish into daily lessons. Ven y explora - Come and explore!

Ages/Policies

- Children must be 3 years old by September 1st of the year they will start.
- It is encouraged that children are potty learned by the first day of school.
- Parents are required to work one day per week in class and attend the evening meeting once per month.

Now Registering 2026 - 2027
Fee: \$300/Month

CO-OP PRESCHOOL

<i>M-F</i>	<i>8:45 - 11:30 am</i>	<i>Dual Language</i>	<i>A. Macias-Rivera</i>
<i>M-F</i>	<i>12:45 - 3:30 pm</i>	<i>Dual Language</i>	<i>A. Macias-Rivera</i>
<i>M-F</i>	<i>8:45 - 11:30 am</i>	<i>Lighthouse</i>	<i>A. Gabrio</i>
<i>M-F</i>	<i>12:45 - 3:30 pm</i>	<i>Lighthouse</i>	<i>C. Broz</i>

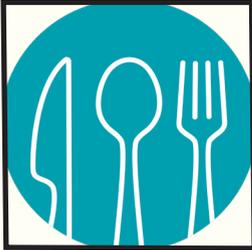
Fees cover materials and supplies. Parent engagement curriculum is free.



PARENT EDUCATION

WORKSHOP SERIES

Workshops forming at your child's school! Please call to join our interest list and join our next workshop. (831) 646-6580



Family Meals Challenge

Turn Family Time Into Measurable Engagement!

This 3- part experience is designed to strengthen families through mealtime routines. Each workshop focuses on building healthy habits in communication, technology use, and nutrition - leading to stronger relationships, better routines at home and greater student success.



Parenting Partners

Practical Tools That Transform Home Learning

Parents gain simple, proven strategies to create productive study routines, positive discipline, and stronger daily communication. The series reduces family stress, increases connection through shared meals, and equips families with tools they can use immediately to support student success.



Calm & Kind

Equipping Families for Emotional Resilience

This workshop series helps parents build the skills to support their child's emotional well-being. Families learn how mental health impacts learning, practical tools to teach children healthy self- regulation, and strategies to manage their own emotions so they can respond with calm, confident support at home. Parents leave empowered to strengthen resilience, connection and student success.

Conscious Parenting

Discover the deeper reasons behind your child's behavior and learn how to respond with awareness rather than reaction. This class offers practical tools to build genuine connection, foster emotional intelligence, and guide your children toward becoming responsible, resilient and happy adults. Transform everyday challenges into opportunities for growth - for both you and your child. For parents/guardians of children/teens/young adults of any age.

W **6:00 - 8:00 pm** **Online Only** **\$80** **Dr. Norouzi**

ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

These classes for mature adults provide opportunities to optimize physical and mental fitness. You may register and begin at any time throughout the session.

Classes are open for anyone 18+

PGUSD residents receive a \$5 discount for classes when registering in person or by phone.

(Discount not available for online registration)

We also offer a
"Five-Day Workout Special"
just \$90 when you register for two
Active Older Adult classes.
(Resident discount does not apply)



By signing up for our classes, you confirm that you are in good physical condition and have obtained medical clearance, if necessary.

*Signed activity waiver required prior to participation
(form provided by instructor)*

Cardio Conditioning

Traditional aerobics class with music from the 1950s thru 1990s. Emphasis on cardiovascular fitness, stretching, and abdominal conditioning.

M, W, F 10:00 - 11:00 am Hybrid/Multi-Purpose \$65 S. Beck

GYROKINESIS® (Not Applicable for Five-Day Workout Special)

Exercise using three-dimensional movements with corresponding breathing patterns to promote suppleness and strength in the body.

T, TH 10:15 - 11:15 am Hybrid/Multi-Purpose \$90 S. Beck

Pilates Method Conditioning

Core conditioning with emphasis on abdominals and upper back muscles. Students perform exercises developed by Joseph Pilates using a mat.

T, TH 9:00 - 10:00 am Hybrid/Multi-Purpose \$55 S. Beck

Circuit Training for Older Adults

Get a balanced workout combining strength, balance, and endurance in a creative and flexible routine. Standing and mat exercises incorporated. This class is in partnership with Meals on Wheels of Monterey County and is specifically offered to older adults.

M, W, F 9:00 - 10:00 am Hybrid/Meals on Wheels \$65 M. Dalhamer

ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS

Strength and Balance with Marta

This class helps build strength while improving your stability and coordination. The first half of the class involves standing. The second half of class involves sitting. This class is in partnership with Meals on Wheels of Monterey County and is specifically offered to older adults.

T,TH 8:00 - 9:00 am Hybrid/Meals on Wheels \$55 M. Dalhamer
T,TH 9:00 - 10:00 am Hybrid/Meals on Wheels \$55 M. Dalhamer

Lite Aerobics for Balance and Strength

Cardiovascular exercise with strength and stretching routines with the goal of improving all elements of fitness for the first 40 minutes. Followed by 15 minutes of seated conditioning with weights. This class is in partnership with Meals on Wheels of Monterey County and is specifically offered to older adults.

M, W, F 10:00 - 11:00 am Hybrid/Meals on Wheels \$65 M. Dalhamer

Yoga 50+

Build strength, improve balance, and increase flexibility in a safe and supportive environment. This class focuses on slow, mindful movements and includes modifications to ensure every pose is accessible and comfortable for your body.

T 11:30am - 12:30 pm Multi-Purpose \$55 B. Light

COMMUNITY EDUCATION



ART

Art Studio

Work on your own projects. Bring your own favorite art supplies to use. Painting, drawing, collage, etc. Demos, individual attention and group critique given at each class. Be prepared to work on the first day!

W 12:30 - 3:00 pm Art Room \$125 M. Gilmore
F 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Art Room \$125 M. Gilmore

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Intermediate/Advanced Drawing and Watercolor

Traditional and contemporary methods of drawing and watercolor painting will be covered. Some materials will be provided or you can bring your own. Work on your own projects. Individual attention, demos, and critique given in each class.

M *10:00 am - 12:30 pm* *Butterfly Room* *\$125* *M. Gilmore*

Outdoor Painting

Enjoy the beauty of the Monterey Peninsula while painting at various locations where we will learn and talk about the majestic scenery, then have time paint in nature. Pack a lunch, snacks and water, if desired. An absolutely wonderful experience!

W *9:30 am - 12:30 pm* *Outdoors* *\$125* *TBD*

Art In The Redwoods *(One Day: May 30th)*

A field trip to Santa Lucia Preserve. Special access to a grove of redwoods where we will learn and talk about these majestic trees, then have time to sketch, write, or paint in nature. Pack a lunch and be able to walk 50 yards on uneven ground. We will meet in Carmel Valley. An exceptional experience!

S *10:00 am - 1:00 pm* *Outdoors* *\$40* *D. Grindol*

Art In The Evening: The Masters

We will learn about the life and work of Master artists. We copy one of their works, and may use their style to make a work of our own. Any skill level, any media welcome. This class is inspired by classically trained artists who copy the work of the Masters in museums.

W *7:00 - 8:30 pm* *Online Only* *\$90* *D. Grindol*

Beginning Drawing

A class for beginning and returning students. We will do select exercises from Betty Edward's "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain." No drawing experience is necessary. You will learn about contour, edges, negative space, value and perspective and how to apply them.

M *1:00 - 3:00 pm* *Art Room* *\$100* *D. Grindol*

Beginning Watercolor

For both beginning and returning students. No drawing skills needed. We will practice watercolor skills and color mixing through exercises. By the end of class we will paint a landscape together.

T *1:00 - 3:00 pm* *Art Room* *\$100* *D. Grindol*

W *10:00 am -12:00 pm* *Art Room* *\$100* *D. Grindol*

Zentangle

Learn the relaxing, meditative doodle art of Zentangle. We will practice patterns and also use Zentangle patterns to create artwork. Liner pens, watercolor and some pencils and markers are used to create art. No drawing skills are required.

TH *1:00 - 3:00 pm* *Art Room* *\$100* *D. Grindol*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

LANGUAGES

Chinese IA

Begin your journey into the Chinese language in this dynamic introductory course! You will discover how Mandarin sounds work, master the basics of character stroke order, and quickly build recognition of the most commonly used characters. You'll gain confidence through practical daily conversations, and enjoy reading fun, accessible stories in Chinese. By the end of the course you will have built a foundation to support further language study and begin communication in everyday situations.

W *6:00 - 7:30 pm* *Room 2* *\$80* *TBD*

French IA - For True Beginners

This class is designed for absolute beginners who don't have previous experience in the language or who want to review basic grammar and vocabulary. We will learn to greet people formally and informally, the difference between tu and vous, introduce yourself, tell where you're from, accents, spell in French, identify people and things, the verbs to be and to have in the present tense, basic questions and pronunciation.

W *4:00 - 5:30 pm* *Room 2* *\$80* *S. O'Neil*

French I

Join us to refresh your high school or college French. We'll review the verbs *être*, *avoir*, *aller*, *faire* and the *-er* verbs in the present tense as well as numbers and how to ask questions. We'll uncover tricks to help master pronunciation and discuss culture.

TH *1:00 - 2:30 pm* *Room 1* *\$80* *S. O'Neil*

French II

In this class, we will practice the future tenses, the past tenses, and the reflexive verbs. We will also uncover tricks to help master pronunciation. Proficiency in the present tense and a solid grasp of basic vocabulary are preferred.

T *1:00 - 2:30 pm* *Room 1* *\$80* *S. O'Neil*

French III

This is a conversational based class. Students will participate in extensive guided conversations in the target language. As needed, we will review intermediate level grammar structures and increase vocabulary. Proficiency in the present, *futur proche*, *futur simple*, *passé composé*, *imparfait* and conditional tenses preferred. This class is for high-intermediate and low-advanced French learners.

TH *5:30 - 7:00 pm* *Room 2* *\$80* *S. O'Neil*

French Amis

Je vous invite! Enjoy French and France during a fun evening of guided conversation. Explore cultural trends, current events, music, and literature with the support of a weekly curated handout. Improve your French pronunciation, grammar, and vocabulary with easygoing French Amis.

T *5:00 - 7:00 pm* *Room 2* *\$95* *S. Doby*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Farsi

Start your dynamic journey to master Farsi, spoken by over 110 million people worldwide. This interactive course helps students learn essential vocabulary and grammar through topics like daily life, family, travel, and food, using communicative language teaching to develop real-world proficiency. Join us to unlock the keys to Farsi mastery and explore the richness of Persian culture.

M *5:00 - 7:00 pm* *Room 4* *\$95* *A. Monfared*

German I

Level I German offers a thematic approach to the language. We talk about ourselves and others. We explore themes like family, leisure activities, food, travel, etc. We learn verbs like to be, to like, to do, to go and to have. We work on numbers, days of the week, and months of the year. Whether you want to get in touch with your German roots, are traveling to Germany or you simply are interested in the culture, you will find this class to be a fun and rewarding experience.

M *6:00 - 8:00 pm* *Room 1* *\$95* *C. Logue*

German II

This course continues building on the skills and proficiencies learned in German I. We work on proper pronunciation and spelling. We continue exploring verbs - regular and irregular - in present, past and future tense. We expand our vocabulary as we use a thematic approach to learning. We work on articles - both definite and indefinite - and their use in dative, accusative, and genitive cases. We do all this in an atmosphere of fun and relaxation.

W *6:00 - 8:00 pm* *Room 1* *\$95* *C. Logue*

Italian I

If you know a few random words, but you don't know any grammar, this is the course for you. In this introductory class, students will learn to pronounce words properly, master basic communicative situations, such as introducing themselves, asking and answering simple questions and ordering at a bar or restaurant, through plenty of interactive activities.

M *5:00 - 6:30 pm* *Room 5* *\$80* *M. Elia*

Italian II

This course is for those students who have already the basics. Through interactive activities, students will learn to address people formally as well as expand their conversational skills regarding everyday life and interests, describing their home and their town. In grammar, we'll explore modal verbs and some of the most used irregular verbs as well as improve the use of adjectives and indirect pronouns.

T *5:00 - 6:30 pm* *Room 5* *\$80* *M. Elia*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Italian III

This level is about learning how to share your experiences and memories, describe your daily habits and favorite hobbies, talk about your recent travels and favorite holidays. Students will expand their conversational skills. In this course, we will go further in grammar to master past tense, adverbs of frequency, possessive adjectives and direct pronouns.

W *5:00 - 6:30 pm* *Room 5* *\$80* *M. Elia*

Italian IV

In this class, students will expand their conversational skills, through problem solving communication, in order to have more in-depth exchanges in a variety of situations. Introduction of new vocabulary and more complex grammatical structures will be implemented through the reading of topics related to Italian culture.

TH *5:00 - 6:30 pm* *Room 5* *\$80* *M. Elia*

Italian for Traveling (4 WEEKS ONLY - 3/30, 4/6, 4/20, 4/27)

Planning a trip to Italy soon and want to say something in Italian? This crash course is designed to equip you with the essential skills to navigate your journey with confidence. You will learn the fun of engaging in basic conversation with people, restaurants and shopping. We will focus primarily on practical conversation, keeping grammar limited to the basics.

M *10:00 - 11:30 am* *Room 6* *\$50* *M. Elia*

Russian

Embark on a journey into the world of Russian language and culture! This introductory course is designed for absolute beginners with no prior knowledge of Russian. You will learn the fundamentals of the language in a friendly and supportive environment, focusing on practical communication skills.

W *5:30 - 7:30 pm* *Room 6* *\$95* *N. Lukovenko*

Spanish I - Beginners

¡Hola! In Spanish 1, students will build a foundation in the language to communicate in everyday situations. Students learn how to greet others, introduce themselves, talk about where they are from, age and likes, as well as describe their family and surroundings.

In this course, we'll practice basic present-tense verbs, daily life vocabulary, dates, and telling time. We'll also begin to understand the difference between *ser* and *estar* and how to form simple sentences. By the end of the course, students will be able to hold short conversations and understand common expressions in familiar context.

T *1:00 - 2:30 pm* *Room 5* *\$80* *C. Rodriguez*

TH *5:30 - 7:00 pm* *Room 6* *\$80* *C. Rodriguez*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Spanish II - Elementary

¡Bueno! In this course, students will expand their communicative ability by learning to narrate in the past and describe situations in greater detail. Students will study the preterite and imperfect tenses, comparisons, future plans, and expressions related to travel, shopping and health. Vocabulary will expand, listening and reading comprehension will improve, as well, we will emphasize practical communication in real-life contexts. By the end, students will be able to talk about past experiences, make plans, and handle longer conversations with more confidence.

W *3:30 - 5:00 pm* *Room 3* *\$80* *C. Rodriguez*

Spanish III - Intermediate

¡Bienvenidos! In this level, students will develop greater fluency and accuracy. Students learn to express opinions, hypotheses, and experiences using future, conditional, and present perfect tenses. We'll be introduced to commands and the subjunctive mood to express wishes, recommendations and emotions. We'll work with connectors to link ideas and improve their discourse. Students will strengthen conversational interaction and the ability to explain points of view. By the end, students can participate in more complex and structured conversations.

T *3:00 - 4:30 pm* *Room 5* *\$80* *C. Rodriguez*

Spanish IV - Advanced

¡Acompáñeme en este viaje cultural! This class is for advanced Spanish speakers. Students will refine their command of the language to communicate naturally and with nuance. We will deepen knowledge of advanced and past subjunctive, indirect speech, passive voice, and idiomatic expressions. In this class, students will practice debates, formal presentations, and analysis of cultural and social topics. The focus is on fluency, grammatical accuracy and rich vocabulary. Students will be able to argue, debate and express themselves clearly in academic and professional contexts.

W *5:30 - 7:00 pm* *Room 3* *\$80* *C. Rodriguez*

Spanish Conversation - Intermediate & Advanced

This conversation-focused Spanish course is designed for intermediate and advanced learners who want to build fluency, confidence, and spontaneity in spoken Spanish. Students engage in guided discussions, real-life scenarios, and structured debates on cultural, social, and global topics. This course emphasizes expressing opinions, agreeing and disagreeing politely, supporting arguments, and reacting in real time. Learners will expand vocabulary, improve pronunciation, and refine grammar through meaningful communication. Students will be able to participate actively in debates, sustain in-depth conversations and express complex ideas clearly and confidently.

TH *3:30 - 5:00 pm* *Room 6* *\$80* *C. Rodriguez*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION



FITNESS & DANCE

By participating in our Fitness and Relaxation classes, you acknowledge that there are inherent risks associated with physical activities. You voluntarily assume all risks and agree to release Pacific Grove Adult School, Pacific Grove Unified School District, its employees, officers, Board of Education, agents and volunteers from any liability for injuries or damages that may occur during the class. Please consult a medical professional before participating in our Fitness and Relaxation classes if you have any pre-existing medical conditions that may be affected by exercise. By signing up for our classes, you confirm that you are in good physical condition and have obtained medical clearance, if necessary.

*Signed activity waiver required prior to participation
(form provided by instructor)*

Ballroom Dancing

This class teaches fundamental concepts of partner dancing, focusing on Frame and Connection. You'll learn to discern music patterns, allowing you to confidently choose the right steps. The course covers key elements like body posture, partnering techniques, and body movement, including turns and rhythm, all within the context of the social dance community. *No partner is required.*

W 7:00 - 8:00 pm Community Center \$60 B. McGlynn

Beginning Ballet

This class is for the "little dancer" in an adult body who either took ballet lessons a long time ago or never did.

W 12:00 - 1:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$60 S. Beck

Belly Dancing with Jamaica

Jamaica's teaching style represents both traditional Middle Eastern and classic American styles of belly dance. All levels are welcome.

TH 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$70 J. Sinclair

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Pickleball - Beginners

This class provides an introduction to the fastest growing sport in the world, including rules, techniques and strategies. Please use the parking lot off of Forest Lodge Road. **Use of sound-dampening paddles is encouraged.** Subject to facility availability.

T 10:30 am - 12:15 pm PGHS Courts \$95 Dalhamer/Ottmar

Pickleball - Intermediate

This class provides an excellent opportunity to work on more advanced skills like blocking, topspin drives, and third-shot drops. Please use the parking lot off of Forest Lodge Road. **Use of sound-dampening paddles is encouraged.** Subject to facility availability.

TH 10:30 am - 12:15 pm PGHS Courts \$95 Dalhamer/Ottmar

Swim For Fitness

This course offers a choice of self-guided, self-paced lap swimming or guided workouts overseen by an on-deck coach. Stroke instruction is available to all participants. Come and get fit. Stay fit or push to the next level. Be inspired!

****Days and times may vary due to pool availability. Coach will keep students updated on schedule changes.**

T, TH 5:30 - 7:15 pm PGHS Pool \$85 T. Barrett

SAT 9:00 - 10:45 am PGHS Pool \$65 T. Barrett

Swimming: Tsunami Breakers Masters

This course emphasizes fitness and strength development, and the course is appropriate for lap level through competitive level swimmers who wish to build upon their existing swimming competencies. Swimmers are supported in setting and attaining realistic personal swimming goals. Classes may feature aerobic and anaerobic swim training to develop strength, power, technique and stamina with added focus on form.

****Days and times may vary due to pool availability. Coach will keep students updated on schedule changes.**

M,W,F 5:30 - 7:00 pm PGHS Pool \$120 T. Barrett

High/Low Fitness

Experience a modern twist on low-impact aerobics in a non-stop, action-packed mix of cardio and toning tracks that will take your fitness to new levels! This no-equipment format uses simple, set choreography to create an effective steady-state cardio workout. LOW is easy to follow and a total blast! Adaptable to all fitness levels.

M 6:15 - 7:15 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$60 S. Bolton

W 5:30 - 6:30 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$60 S. Bolton

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

T'ai Chi / Taiji

T'ai Chi is commonly known as a "moving meditation." We will practice the Cheng Man-ch'ing version of the Yang style form as well as some Qigong and Neigong: relax, connect, extend, and merge. All levels are welcome, but this class is designed for beginners.

T, TH 5:00 - 6:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$100 J. Hausserman

Qigong & Tui Shou

In this class we will use individual exercises from Qigong & Neigong as well as partner exercises (with light touching) from Tui Shou to develop rooting, sensitivity, and Qi projection. The course is open to beginners or anyone interested in cultivating their Qi.

TH 3:45 - 4:45 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$60 J. Hausserman

Beginning Yoga

Beginning Yoga focuses on reducing stress and connecting the mind, body and spirit through stretching with breathing exercises and relaxation techniques. The class is designed for those new to Yoga, becoming comfortable with Yoga or needing time and space to practice Yoga. Poses include the need to sit, kneel, bend forward/to the side, twist and lunge. *Participants are to bring a yoga mat and a towel/blanket.*

M 5:00 - 6:00 pm Multi-Purpose Room \$60 J. McDonald



SPECIAL INTEREST

Beginning Guitar

Learn some basic chords and practice playing simple songs while you build up your guitar repertoire and finger calluses. Video reviews of the lessons are posted online for your practice support. *Guitars are not provided.*

TH 6:00 - 7:00 pm Butterfly Room \$75 G. Hyde

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Women's Hormonal Health Support

This class focuses on supporting women during various hormonal transitions. Transitions such as puberty, perimenopause, menopause, postpartum, and fertility treatments. *3 classes will have an in-person option.*

W *6:00 - 7:30 pm* *Online* *\$80* *C. Vera*

Organic Gardening for Spring

This class is a practical guide to growing food in a garden. It includes soil preparation and a simplified planting schedule. A variety of vegetable and herb seeds are selected for the class and our local climate. Students will work through garden planning for a 3x8 garden bed. From soil to seed, watering and pest, harvest to table, we'll cover it all! You'll roll up your sleeves, plant seeds, and weed. Best of all, everyone shares in the harvest!

T, TH *9:30 - 11:00 am* *Community Garden* *\$120* *B. Adams*



Grafting (One Day: March 28th)

Learn how to create a new apple tree. Tools, rootstocks, scions, pots and knives are provided. Personal training in using the special grafting equipment and cuttings. Only takes a little bit of practice and some hand strength to do the job. We will be grafting new apple trees in this class. *Outdoors.*

TH *10 - 11:30 am* *PGAE Meadow* *\$40* *G. Hyde*

This Week in Baseball

In this course, students will explore modern baseball by closely following the 2026 MLB season. We will begin with an examination of key off-season moves-- including trades, free-agent signings, and roster construction-- before shifting to a week-by-week analysis of the season as it unfolds. Open to fans of all levels, the course emphasizes lecture and discussion and is led by experienced baseball podcast host, Noah Jensen.

W *6:00 - 7:30 pm* *Room 4* *\$60* *N. Jensen*

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Cinema History: Unfinished Legends

Unfinished Legends: Star Power and Myth-Making in Classic Hollywood. This course examines how three major Hollywood actresses - Carole Lombard, Betty Grable, and Marilyn Monroe - became enduring cultural icons despite relatively short or interrupted peak careers.

F *9:30 - 11:00 am* *Online Only* *Free* *K. Ottmar*



Card Game Theory - Beginning Bridge

Beginning Bridge is an introductory course designed for those who have little or no experience playing contract bridge. Students will learn the fundamentals of bidding, card play, scoring, and basic strategy in a clear step-by-step format with guided practice at the table. By the end of the course, participants will feel confident joining a friendly bridge game and continuing their journey into this classic, intellectually engaging card game.

M *10:00 - 11:45 am* *Room 5* *Free* *K. Ottmar*

Card Game Theory - Intermediate Bridge Play

Already comfortable with Basic Bridge? This fast-moving intermediate class sharpens the three pillars of play—bidding, declarer technique, and defense—so you win more contracts and your partner trusts your table decisions. We refine competitive auctions, explore no-trump and slam tools, and drill practical declarer plans alongside modern defensive signaling.

W *10:00 - 11:45 am* *Room 5* *Free* *K. Ottmar*



2025-2026 Pacific Grove Adult Education

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SESSION DATES	
Summer	07/07 - 08/20 11:00-12:00
Fall	09/22 - 12/20 11:00-12:00
Winter	01/06 - 03/21 10:00-11:00
Spring	03/30 - 05/13 11:00-12:00

FUTURE SESSION REGISTRATION DATES:
 Summer 2026 registration begins Wednesday, June 3rd
 Fall 2026 registration begins Thursday, Aug 27th



Asilomar Beach at Sunset

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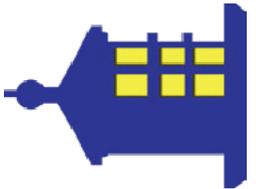
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