The Center for Professional Development (CPD) is the continuing education and community outreach arm of Florida State University. The Center employs cutting-edge technologies to deliver programs that support continuing education and extend the resources of the University to the community, state and around the globe.

CPD coordinates credit classes, degree programs, conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, and summer camps. It offers professional development and personal enrichment courses including writing, technology training, workforce and supervisory development, and test preparation. CPD’s online professional certifications include FSU Webmaster Certification, Certificate in Financial Planning and Continuing Legal Education.

CPD is housed in the Turnbull Conference Center, which is located on the southeast edge of the campus, nearest the Capitol. The Turnbull Center offers an auditorium, meeting rooms, and a dining room to facilitate meetings, workshops, and symposia for The Florida State University community. Experienced continuing education coordinators assist with program development, budgeting, marketing, logistics, technical assistance, and on-site management.

**Academic Programs.** In conjunction with the University’s academic departments, CPD coordinates degree and certificate programs for non-traditional, part-time students. Programs can be found throughout Florida, from Pensacola to Jacksonville to Miami. A number of programs are delivered via distance technologies. The academic unit provides teacher re-certification opportunities and generates CEU’s throughout the year. The Center also sponsors several tuition scholarships for students wishing to return to school and offers advising to the adult learner.

**Professional Programs.** CPD develops, promotes, and administers a wide range of non-credit programs and certifications in traditional classroom settings and online. Lifelong learners can remain current in their fields and maintain licensing and Continuing Education Unit (CEU) requirements by accessing CPD’s course offerings. The Center provides synchronous and asynchronous online learning opportunities that make it possible for adult learners to study and learn in the comfort of their homes or offices.

The professional programs unit focuses on career skills development, personal enrichment, and health and fitness offerings. Examples of current courses are: Certified Financial Planner Online (in conjunction with the College of Business), Continuing Legal Education Online (in partnership with the Florida Bar and the College of Law), Seminoles Fitness, Test Preparation, Business Management, and Critical Writing.

**Technical Training.** CPD’s technology training unit offers the latest in industry certified training programs that can be customized to an individual learner or employer needs. The FSU Webmaster Certification Online covers the basics of web development and more advanced tracks for experienced webmasters. Other training offerings can include: Oracle, FSU Certified Webmaster in the classroom, MOUS, MCSE, and A+ Certification. Classes are offered at the Turnbull Building, but CPD also delivers technology training with experienced teachers and technicians at a client’s workplace.

**E-media Services.** The e-media services unit of the Center for Professional Development works with clients within and outside the University to develop and disseminate comprehensive and customized educational programs. Their web-based media services include information and database designs; user interfaces for online professional development and credit programs; and online registration, payment, and course evaluation tracking systems.

**The Center for Intensive English Studies (CIES).** CIES provides intensive instruction in the English language to non-English speakers. Its primary target audience is international scholars who are preparing to pursue degree work in American colleges and universities. CIES also provides English-as-a-second language services for the spouses of regular students at The Florida State University as well as for some already admitted international students who are experiencing difficulty in mastering the English language.

In 2002-03, over 30,000 lifelong learners participated in some 933 credit and non-credit programs offered at the Center for Professional Development, off-site and online. The diversity in the roles performed by the Center is matched only by the adult learners who participate in the programs offered each year.

**CPD Annual FTE & Student Credit Hours**

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*Online Resource: The Center’s website can be accessed at [http://learningforlife.fsu.edu](http://learningforlife.fsu.edu)*