Credit Area

Distance Learning Courses
Distance learning courses, coordinated through the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, include courses via videoconferencing, correspondence, and online.

Videoconferencing Courses
Videoconferencing courses send the instructor’s “live” lectures at MTSU to students at remote sites. Sites include Franklin and Columbia State Community College. The video-conferencing classrooms are equipped with TV monitors and microphones so that students and instructors can interact. The instructor will visit the remote sites during the semester to assure that each student will have an opportunity to meet him/her in person. The instructor is also available during office hours at MTSU by phone, e-mail, or in person.

Correspondence Courses
Correspondence courses involve individual, independent instruction of a student by an instructor on a one-to-one basis. Typically, this entails home study as well as the exchange of materials and evaluations. Interaction and feedback between correspondence course faculty and students take the forms of written assignments, testing, evaluations, guidance, and assistance via such media as telephone, fax, e-mail, and other electronic technologies. More information may be obtained via e-mail at distance@mtsu.edu or by calling (615) 898-5332.

Online Courses
Online courses are accessed over the Internet through MTSU’s course management system. Only students with strong experience on the Internet should register for an online course. Students are required to have access to a computer and the Internet. A photo ID must be presented at all exams. All other assignments and quizzes will be available through the Internet. Students may be required to attend an orientation, mid-term, or final exam on campus. Additional information may be obtained by visiting www.mtsu.edu/online.

More information is available by calling (615) 898-5611.

Evening School
The College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning serves students attending MTSU at night by assisting with registration, accepting payment of fees/fines for the Business Office, providing catalogs, making IDs, issuing parking permits, and offering other services to students outside regular daytime business hours. More information is available by contacting the Evening School Office, (615) 898-5611 or at www.mtsu.edu/~learn/credit/evening.htm.

Off-campus Program
Credit courses are regularly scheduled at several off-campus locations in middle Tennessee, including Smyrna, Franklin, and Columbia State Community College. Efforts are made to service any special requests for off-campus credit courses by business and industry, school systems, and agencies. For more information, contact (615) 898-2121 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~learn/credit/offcampus.htm.
Summer School

The College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning directs the summer school, which includes a substantial number of credit courses.

Regents Online Degree Program (RODP)

Middle Tennessee State University and each of the colleges and universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system are working cooperatively to allow students to earn college degrees entirely online. The joint program is called the Regents Online Degree Program (RODP).

The online program currently includes a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Liberal Studies or a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Professional Studies and concentrations in Information Technology and Organizational Leadership. Students must earn a minimum of 120 hours; meet MTSU upper-division, residency, and senior hour requirements; meet MTSU General Education requirements; meet MTSU GPA requirements; and complete the courses outlined in the degree program. Admissions, instruction, advising, library services, and other forms of student assistance are available online. The Regents online courses have been designed to be taught totally online in an interactive, asynchronous format. For advisement, please call (615) 898-5611.

Designed especially for adults who already have some college experience, the online degree program is also appropriate for students who have earned or are working on associate’s degrees. For more information regarding degree requirements, please refer to the Regents Web site at www.tn.regentsdegrees.org or call (615) 898-5611.

Adult Degree Completion Program

Some students may earn up to 30 elective credits toward the RODP and B.Unv.S. degree programs through a portfolio evaluation of prior learning. Please call (615) 898-5651 for more details.
Professional Development

A World of Opportunities
The mission of the Professional Development (PD) division is to provide test preparation and certificate programs as well as specialized continuing education programs to those interested in developing their professional expertise.

The college’s PD initiative promotes and provides diverse opportunities that enhance the professional and personal lives of middle Tennessee residents. Diverse educational opportunities, quality programs, and dedicated services provide access to the vast and valuable resources of the University, the region, and beyond. A current course catalog is available online at www.mtsu.edu/~learn or by calling (615) 898-2462.

Business and Industry
PD serves the business community by providing training opportunities to enhance professional development, certification, and business performance. MTSU faculty members as well as outside experts provide up-to-date, relevant programs in skills training through organizations such as Achieve Global, the American Society for Quality, Project Management Institute, The Association for Operations Management (APICS), the American Payroll Association, and the Society of Human Resource Management and in areas such as real estate, Lean, Six Sigma, OSHA, Spanish for business, and Tennessee business tax.

Government and Education
The government and education area works with all branches of government and establishes programs to enhance the professional development of K–12 educators. Available are programs such as ACT Preparation, LSAT Preparation, Conversational Spanish I and II, Survival Spanish for Business, Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement, and Sign Language. Professional development is also offered in conjunction with the Tennessee Government Finance Officers Association.

Health Care
This area offers valuable continuing education for professionals and unique training opportunities for those interested in the health care field. Programs include Emergency Medical Technician, test preparation for the Allied Health field, CPR, Continuing Education for Health Care Professionals, Nursing CEUs, and Spanish for Health Care Professionals.

On Demand/Online
MTSU offers hundreds of On Demand and Online courses. These courses cover a wide range of topics and are generally more affordable for those who don’t require college credit. They cover topics including computer applications, languages, finance, entrepreneurship, nonprofit management, and health care.

Technology
Training programs are available in technology areas and applications such as HTML, ASP, CGI, FrontPage, Dreamweaver, MOS certification, and much more.

Workforce Development and Corporate Training
PD offers customized, on-site training to business, industry, and government based on specific organizational needs. Professional development certification programs, seminars, workshops, and short courses that focus on timely and leading-edge topics are presented on and off campus. Those benefiting from such programs include human resource managers, engineers, lawyers, accountants, emergency medical technicians, government officers, payroll administrators, and physician groups. Inquiries should be directed to PD at (615) 898-2462.

More information can be obtained by contacting the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning, (615) 898-2177. Additional information may be obtained by visiting www.mtsu.edu/learn.